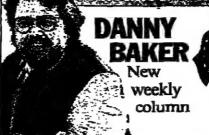
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Disgraced Aitken holds secret Saudi talks to save nurses



Aitken: "believes there

By MICHAEL EVANS

JONATHAN AITKEN, the former Cabinet minister who lost a libel action against The Guardian and Granada's World in Action earlier this year, has agreed to act as a secret intermediary with members of the Saudi royal family over the

late of two British nurses,
His involvement, following an approach by the British Embassy in Riyadh, emerged yesterday, as Lucille McLaughlan and Deborah Parry, sent handwritten notes from their prison cells, revealing how they were forced to agree to "an

abhorrent" blood money deal with the brother of murder victim Yvonne Gilford. In her letter, McLaughlan refers to Frank Gilford as a "mercenary". The women argue that the \$1.2 million (£750,000) deal should all have gone to charity, not the \$700,000 which Mr Gilford is insisting goes to his

The Embassy has been trying to seek assurances from the Saudi Government over the nurses' sentences and Mr Aitken is acknowledged to have unrivalled contacts in the Saudi royal family and government. The decision to enrol the services of Mr Aitken followed the

McLaughlan to 500 lashes and eight years' imprisonment, and the unconfirmed report that Parry had been sentenced to death.

Mr Aitken, who is currently in London, is understood to have contacted senior Saudi figures already and is said to be convinced that there will be no execution and that there is only a remote chance that the flogging sentence will be carried out. He developed his close ties with the Saudis through his business interests over many years. It is expected that the case of the two nurses will eventually end up on the desk of King Fahd for his

eign Secretary, will be seeing his Saudi counterpart in New York today. One diplomatic source said: The lower sharia courts traditionally produce very severe sen-tences but any cases involving

Westerners always go to the king." In confidential notes to Sir Roger Carrick, British High Commission-er in Australia, McLaughlan and Parry have protested their innocence over any involvement in the murder of Yvonne Gilford and have also said they are opposed to paying her brother any money. The two appeared united in their dismay that Mr Gilford would only agree to

the evidence of the murder investigation after he had been paid \$1.2 million, of which \$500,000 is to go to a children's hospital.

Salah al-Hejailan, their Saudi lawyer, said last night he agreed to reveal their confidential letters to The Times after Mr Gilford denied offering and then agreeing the clemency deal. He also released documents from Mr Gilford's Australian lawyer and Andrew Green. the British Ambassador in Riyadh, which confirm the deal with Mr Gilford. The two nurses' letters were written on the eve of the court verdict on Tuesday.

The Australian lawyer for the Gilford family said the breach of secrecy over the financial details of the deal had now put it in jeopardy. In a statement from his office in Adelaide, Michael Abbott, QC, said discussions between the two parties could not continue if the Saudi lawyer persisted in his "unauth-

orised conduct". He insisted Mr Gilford had not yet waived the death penalty for Parry, if she were to be found guilty

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Feuding ministers stop Blair

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S plans for a radical reform of the welfare state are being undermined by a Whitehall battle between Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, and Frank

Mr Field, who was brought in by Mr Blair to "think the unthinkable", has been prevented from publishing a Green Paper on welfare reform by his boss. He is said to have become increasingly frustrated by Ms Harman's attempts to block his work.

He has also been infuriated by "a whispering campaign" to discredit him, which his supporters say has been masterminded by Ms Harman and Gordon Brown, the Chanceilor. Over the past week there have been some media reports claiming that Mr Field's attempts to shake up the welfare state have run into trouble and that he is on the point of being sacked. There had been reports that this ideas were not radical enough and did not match up to his

Yesterday Mr Field's supporters within the Govern-ment fought back. They denied reports that his work had been rejected by the Prime Minister and said that No 10 backed him.

They said that Mr Field would go ahead this autumn with policy papers spelling out his proposals for a fundamental shake-up of the welfare state, involving far-reaching changes in the benefit and pension systems. He is also planning speeches over the

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next few months when he will spell out the need for "a staffsupported revolution". The Welfare Reform Minister's supporters said, however, that Ms Harman had stopped Paper on the changes this autumn because she did not

> term policy. Government insiders say that Ms Harman has made clear that she intends to focus on short-term policies such as the "New Deal" for young unemployed people and single mothers. One source said: Frank wants to set the agenda, to get out the ideas to the public, even if a lot of questions still have to be answered. But he has been stopped. He wanted to bring forward a

want to press ahead with long-

She wants to lead." Insiders claim that Ms Harman has been infuriated that Mr Field has grabbed more of the headlines than she has and that he has a close network of social security experts whom he often consults. Mr Field has a long career in social welfare, having been chairman of the Child Poverty Action Group before he was elected to the Commons in 1979. He then went on to become chairman of the Com-

Green Paper, but it has been

put back. He is being blocked.

social security. Other officials concede that the war between the two ministers is highly damaging. Frank knows that the ideas he had before he came into the department are inconsistent with what is going on now and he is having to come to terms

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with it." one said Mr Field's plans, aimed at moving away from meanstesting, involve the strengthening of social insurance for pensions and unemployment benefit. There would be higher compulsory contributions financed by turning much of the the health service budget into a health tax.

According to Whitehall sources, those plans are at variance with the Chancellor's ideas for big cuts in social security spending and for unifying the tax and benefit



British model Kate Moss opened London Fashion week yesterday in a sweater designed by Clements Ribeiro

Montgomerie in fighting mood

Colin Montgomerie, Europe's No I golfer, threw down the gauntlet on the eve of the Ryder Cup when he was drawn to play against Tiger Woods in the final four-ball match at Valderrama, Spain. Now it's finally here. I want Tiger", he said Pages 48, 49, 52



Ungagged whistle-blowers to get legal protection

THE Government has decided to back a Private Member's Bill giving legal protection to whistle-blowers if they speak up in the public interest. Under the Bill, to be introduced by Richard Shepherd, Tory MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, workers in both

the public and private sectors will be able to expose crime. fraud and serious malpractice at work without fear of recrimination. The move emerged as Alan Milburn, a Health Minister, ordered health chiefs to remove gagging clauses in NHS

and doctors will be able to

ment contracts. Nurses

shortages without fear of being sacked or victimised, Milburn announced. Some staff have been dismissed for refusing to remain silent over NHS cuts, long working hours or incidents of racism and violence. The clauses have been in-

serted into contracts over the past few years by NHS trusts to try to prevent staff going to the press and criticising their own hospitals. Mr Milburn's announcement, widely welcomed by doctors and nurses, is part of a

tives to boost morale and improve working conditions for health workers. In a letter to NHS trust and health

The Times. Mr Milburn said that the Government believed in greater openness and accountability in the provision of public services.

"There have been a number of well-publicised cases where NHS staff have felt obliged to raise concerns about inadequacies in the provision of healthcare publicly. In doing so they have provided an important safeguard for the public," he said.

The Government will be supporting a Private Mem-ber's Bill to provide legal protection for staff in such circumstances," he added. However I believe that we should act now, in advance of legislation, to ensure that any Continued on page 2, col

Unchecked temper tips chess chief overboard

BY ALAN HAMILTON

CHESS players will be familiar with the Sicilian Defence, but the Austrian Attack is an entirely new gambit. Imagine a European Cup tie in which the away team's manager tears up the referee's yellow card, tampers with his watch, offers physical abuse to a home player, and stomps off the field shouting profamities at the opposition, and all this when his own side

are winning. The match was an

England-Austria European qualifier, but there was no football involved; it happened on the cerebral and traditionally level playing field of chess. Alfred Felsberger was clearly win-

ning his match against local challenger Aaron Summerscale in the European Club Championship at Slough. Berkshire, last weekend. Summerscale was pushed for time: Felsherger, with plenty of time on his clock, should have been writing his moves down, according to the strict etiquette of the game. He wasn't, but the referee was happy to overlook a minor omission. Whereupon Peter Detter, the Austrian team captain,

lunged into the fray.
Witnesses said he interfered with the time clock, ripped up a written complaint about his player not recording his moves, poked the English player in the back, publicly called him something very rude, and stormed out. The upshot was that Felsberger was disqualified. Slough won the match,

and they now go forward to the European quarter-finals.

The chess world was last night reeling from this outbreak of violence and at the idiocy of the outburst. Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of The Times, said last night: "For a captain to intervene when one of his players is winning is nothing short of moronic. Any sensible manager, even if he were highly stressed, would have gone for a walk around the block with

Girl 'punished' by having her baby taken away

By JOANNA BALE AND RICHARD FORD

A JUDGE who condemned a pregnant girl to a prison without childcare facilities told her yesterday that the removal of her baby at birth would be a "real punishment". Judge Hutton drew imme-

diate criticism from penal reformers after refusing an appeal from the 17-year-old shoplister for her five-month sentence to be reduced by two weeks so that she would be out of prison in time for the birth. Rejecting her appeal, Judge Hutton said: "We accept that the immediate loss of your child after the birth will be a

real punishment. "But you deserve punishment to try to break once and for all this habit of stealing other people's property. We are quite satisfied that only a custodial sentence can be fustified."

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, received her ninth conviction for shoplifting after acting as a lookout while an accomplice stole four shirts.

The court was told that the teenager was too young to be transferred to Holloway women's prison in north London where there are facilities for

new mothers to care for their children. As a result, she would give birth in a Bristol hospital and the child would then go into temporary care while she completed her

sentence. Judge Hutton said it was "very unfortunate" that a recent change to prison rules meant that because of her age, she could not be sent to Holloway.

The decision not to allow the appeal was last night condemned by Frances Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform. She said: The forcible separation of mother and baby at birth has a catastrophic effect, not only on the mother but also on the

lasting damage. "This is as much a punishment for the baby who has done nothing as it is a punishment of the mother and is a wholly disproportionate response to this particular

child which can cause long-

"It is not up to the judge to say when a mother is separated from her baby. That is a matter for others, usually the prison service and social

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MPs' new offices go

£100m over budget

A new office block for MPs is expected to cost £100 million more than budgeted after the extension of the Jubilee Tube

line delayed the start of building work. Costings for the

complex above Westminster Tube station have risen from

£150 million to £250 million, making it one of the most

expensively built commercial properties in London.

A fool who comes unstuck is shown the exit

very so often clownishness gets a last laugh on the plane sketch yesterday remarked that Liberal Democrat conferences build to a climax on the final day. On the penultimate day came the speech by Paddy Ashdown: and on the final day - yesterday - the debate on euthanasia.

This was intended as a joke. The joke rebounds on me. The debate on euthanasia was moving, enlightening and brave. It was by far the best thing that has happened in Eastbourne this week and - as Sir Ludovic Kennedy and other speakers pointed out — it could only have happened at a Liberal Demo-

In one of the best speeches I

and with beautiful brevity, Sir Ludovic lifted the eyes and, unexpectedly, the hearts of his hearers as he set out the case (quoting Keats) for helping people "cease upon the midnight with no pain".

I was brought up short in my sketchwriter's sniggering at the offbeat passions of Liberal Democrat activists. In his speech on Wednesday their leader had laboured mightily, interminably and loudly to persuade Britain that Britain needs this party. I was unconvinced. In their shorter speeches yesterday those who contributed to the euthanasia debate, focusing their concern not on their own party's navel but on the needs of a minority who have no

are without their absurdities. Liberal Democracy itself hovers near the fringe, and the

other politicians to speak for

them, Liberal Democrats per-

suaded me of what Mr Ash-

down could not that they

Not that the wilder reaches of a party activist's concerns fringe to a fringe approaches the bizarre. "I am from the animal kingdom," announced the speaker in one of this week's debates. The temptation to moo or bark instead of applauding was strong.

Love animals though we all

animal activists the predator. If he has not already been trapped at the Animal Welfare Debate. two meetings of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (quails' eggs served), the Animal Protection Group, the National Anti-Vivisection Society, "Dogwatch" Animal Welfare,

do, the inclusion of no fewer

than seven animal-issue stalls

in what is a small exhibitors'

hall troubles the casual visi-

tor with the suspicion that

delegates are the quarry,

Animal Defenders on "Circus

Madness" or the League

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

among the exhibitors.

Starting gently at the RSPB stand, tempted by a quiz on birds, the browser moves on to the RSPCA and the Wildlife Network. Shifting up a gear, he visits the National Anti-Vivisection Society, of which the less said the better. He shudders at The Fox Files where, like a mad scientist, he confronts liquids bubbling in phials and watches a video of stags having their heads bitten off by dogs.

If by now you have not fainted, try the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Here you can choose from a bank of video buttons to select whichever horrific animal death you wish to witness.

Against Cruel Sports bash... The walls around you are then he can spend Thursday entirely clothed in fur. The giant eyes of a fox follow us around the room.

There is no escape. I tried: into the conference hall. where I fell under the gaze of my former colleague. Hugh Dykes, the Liberal Democrats' latest recruit from the Tories. This was such a nice party, trilled Mr Dykes, "that I don't know why I didn't join it before". I do.

Bidding us a shy farewell. the donnish President, Bob Maclennan, inspired in departing delegates the thought that Liberal Democrats were ready at last to go back to their constituencies and ... drive carefully.

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The new seven-storey building opposite Big Ben will provide room for 200 MPs and their staff above a shopping mall and restaurant. The aim is to relieve overcrowding in the Palace of Westminster, where most MPs share rooms. Government officials insisted that in real terms the cost increase was around £20 million. They said the £150 million figure was costed at 1991 prices, when the project was first agreed. The £250 million figure, they said was an estimate for the final price in 2001 after allowing for increases in building costs with inflation.

School calls Mir

A girls' boarding school in North Yorkshire was expecting to beam a message to the British-born astronaut Michael Foale on the space station Mir early today. Nasa asked Richard Horton, head of physics at Harrogate Ladies'. College, to use its amateur radio equipment to tell Dr. Foale that a space shuttle was being launched to bring him home. The college, which has sent messages to space before, is helping because Mir will not be within Nasa's range for an hour after the shuttle Atlantis is launched.

SNP urges royalty poll

Members of the Scottish National Party underlined their growing support for republicanism yesterday when they voted to hold a referendum on whether the Queen should remain as head of state. The vote, at the party's annual conference, marked a victory for grassroots activists who object to the party's policy which would allow the monarch to remain as head of state in an independent Scotland. Alex Salmond, the party's leader, who voted against the referendum, said he was relaxed about the outcome.

Near-miss figures rise

British air-traffic controllers reported 70 near-misses between aircraft last year — a third more than in 1995. But the Civil Aviation Authority said the result was a "blip" caused by the introduction of more sophisticated technology which was detecting an increasing number of low-risk incidents. The rate of very serious incidents appeared to be going down, with 24 reported so far this year, compared with 31 In the same periods of both 1995 and 1996. Most near-misses involved no real risk, the CAA said.

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Filling a cultural gap

The Arts Council yesterday announced funding for a new concert venue for the South West, to be built on a derelict harbourside site in Bristol. The £93 million Harbourside Centre will include a 2,300-seat concert venue and a 450seat dance theatre. Earl Gowrie, the chairman of the Arts Council, announced a £4.3 million lottery grant to cover detailed design work and the start of construction next May. Completion is due in 2002.

Opera resignation

The general director of Glyndebourne Festival Opera resigned yesterday. Anthony Whitworth-Jones, 52, who has been at Glyndebourne for 17 years, and in his current job for ten, will leave at the end of the 1998 season. He said that the parting was amicable. His resignation leaves another huge vacancy in the opera world just days after Dennis Marks quit as the general director of English National

Unidentified flying Lego

Lego has launched a range of build-your-own UFO toys in an early assault on the Christmas toy market, which is worth £1 billion. With luminous shields and laser guns, the range of seven UFOs, from an Xinterstella warship at £50 to an Xabductor craft and Xcyber vehicle, are a far cry from the traditional building bricks of the Danish toy company. Teletubbies merchandise and virtual pets are also expected to be very popular.

Wartime fort sold

The Grade II listed Haile Sand Fort, once home to up to 200 military personnel manning wartime defences on the southern bank of the Humber estuary, has been sold at auction for £15,000. The fort was completed in 1918 at a cost of £500,000 and was vacated by the Army in 1956. The new owner, a north-east businessman, plans to spend hundreds thousands of pounds on renovating the steel and concrete structure but refuses to say for what purpose.

Balloon duel to resume

The battle to become the first person to travel around the world by balloon will resume in December when Richard Branson and his American rival, Steve Fossett, again take to the skies after both failing in January. Mr Fossett, the 52year-old stockbroker who holds the distance record of 9.000 miles, announced yesterday that he is to set off alone in Solo Spirit II from St Louis. Missouri. At about the same time. Mr Branson hopes to take off from Morocco.

Premiers hail Ulster talks breakthrough

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE British and Irish Prime Ministers expressed delight yesterday at Wednesday night's breakthrough permitting the start of full-scale peace negotiations, but hard-line Ulster Unionists marred the general euphoria. The Democratic Unionist

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and UK Unionist parties, representing roughly 40 per cent of the Unionist vote, both condemned the Unionist compromise that made the breakthrough possible and reiterated their determination to boycott the talks. Grenade attacks on two

Belfast police stations meanwhile fuelled fears of a campaign to disrupt the negotiations by dissident republicans opposed to the IRA ceasefire. Neither grenade exploded and no one claimed responsibility. The multi-party agreement

that ended 15 months of procedural wrangling means that from next week Unionists. nationalists, republicans and loyalists will come together for the first time since partition in 1921 to try and thrash out a way of living together.

Tony Blair said he was delighted" by the breakthrough, and reiterated his determination to achieve a settlement by next May. Bertie Ahern, the Irish Taoiseach,



Trimble: facing

said the "historical agreement" put the island of Ireland "on the threshhold of a new era of peace and prosperity".

The breakthrough came when David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, settled for less than the absolute guarantee of some IRA disarmament during the talks.

Ian Paisley, leader of the rival DUP, swiftly accused Mr Trimble of "surrender". He said the UUP had consigned its stand on decommissioning to "the pit of oblivion" and left the Union in "the hands of a negotiating body with Sinn

Fein at the steering wheel". The DUP abandoned the peace process in July and Dr Paisley emphatically rejected an appeal from Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to rejoin. Robert McCartney, leader of the tiny UK Unionist Party, likewise vowed never to rejoin a pro-cess designed "to achieve Irish unity".

Mr Trimble also faces dis-

sent within his own party. William Thompson, MP for West Tyrone, is threatening to resign if the UUP enters direct negotiations with Sinn Fein, and a survey by the Irish News yesterday showed four more of the party's ten MPs refusing to back the leadership's participation in the talks.

Mr Trimble criticised the Government for inviting Sinn Fein to Stormont but bluntly told his Unionist critics that the Union could not be defended "at long distance". He acknowledged settling for "rather less than I wanted" on decommmissioning but insist-

ed it would remain a live issue. The procedural motion approved by the eight parties and two governments on Wednesday night called paramilitary decommissioning an "indispensable" part of the negotiating process.



Politicians and government officials believe the Ulster Unionists' ancient hatred of Sinn Fein will gradually diminish. They argue that it is hard to hate people when you have to share a building three days a week. Seamus Close, deputy leader of the Alliance Party, said: "The human chemistry is going to be very,

very interesting to watch." Mr Close and members of other smaller parties already chat quite amiably with Gerry Adams and the "Shinners" in the margins of the talks. They were very very plausible extremely well-mannered and "I constantly pinch myself to remind myself of their background", he said.

There will be three strands to the negotiations beginning next week: with Northern

Ireland alone, with North-South relations and with Anglo-Irish relations. If an agreement can be reached by May it will be put to the peoples of Northern Ireland and the Republic in separate referendums.

Whistle-blowers Continued from page 1 member of NHS staff feels

able to raise their concerns about health care matters in a responsible manner without fear of victimisation." Mr Milburn added that he

wanted good practice to spread throughout the NHS so that all employers allowed their staff maximum freedom of speech consistent with the requirements of patient confidentiality. In a separate move Mike Deegan, acting director of

Human Resources at the NHS Executive, has written to chief executives in the health service emphasising that staff should be encouraged to report to managers where they have concerns. But he suggests that where this is not possible, staff should be allowed to speak to

the Association of Healthcare at Keele University. The health and well-being of staff is central to the health and well-being of the NHS," he said. "The interests of staff and the interests of patients are inextricably linked. Treat staff well and they will treat patients better."

He outlined a five-point plan to improve working conditions. This will promote health at work by stopping avoidable accidents and introducing proper anti-violence strategies, tackle racism through new initiatives, promote more flexible working hours and improve standards of food and accommodation for junior doctors.

He said the Government wanted to hear staff's views on ne media. these and any other issues Mr Milburn disclosed his they considered important.

Glasgow official fights suspension

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

LABOUR became embroiled yesterday in what could be the first of many court battles over its suspension of nine Glasgow councillors following the votes for trips" inquiry.

Alex Mosson. Glasgow's deputy Lord Provost, became the first to launch a legal challenge to the action taken against him at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Mr Mosson, a Labour Party

member for about 20 years and a Glasgow councillor since 1984, moved swiftly to clear his name by denying suggestions that he may be corrupt, involved in sleaze or went on foreign trips in exchange for his political support. Gerald Hanretty, Mr Mosson's advocate, told the judge, Lady Cosgrove, that Mr Mosson had not been told what he had done wrong and had been given no opportunity to answer allegations against him during his 30-minute interview with party officials in June.

But Colin Tyre, advocate for the Labour Party, told the court that the NEC had identified a prima facie breach of Labour Party rules and the suspension was a temporary measure taken pending further investigations. The hearing continues.

Magnus Linklater, page 12

Judge criticised

services." The decision was

also criticised by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. Its principal officer. Paul Cavadino, said: "The judge's comments ignore the fact that the offender is not the only one being punished." The court was told that the

girl was given the five-month youth detention sentence by youth court justices in Cheltenham last week when she admitted stealing four shirts worth £60 from the town's Marks & Spencer store.

Christopher Jervis, for the prosecution, said her role was to act as a lookout while a 20year-old woman stole the shirts. The accomplice had no previous convictions and escaped with a caution.

The girl had been shoplifting since she was 14, he said.

and had breached numerous non-custodial penalties including supervision orders, a conditional discharge and

community service. Carolyn Poots, for the defence, said the penalty was too harsh in view of her lesser role in the theft and the fact that her accomplice had not been prosecuted. "I ask that she be given one last chance."

Her mother also has a criminal record and would not be available to care for the child. Her boyfriend, the child's father, was serving a custodial sentence himself.

The Prison Service said last night that the decision on whether the baby was re-moved from the girl was not for the judge. A panel including representatives from soservices, the probation and the prison services would make the decision.

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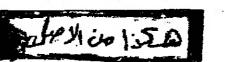


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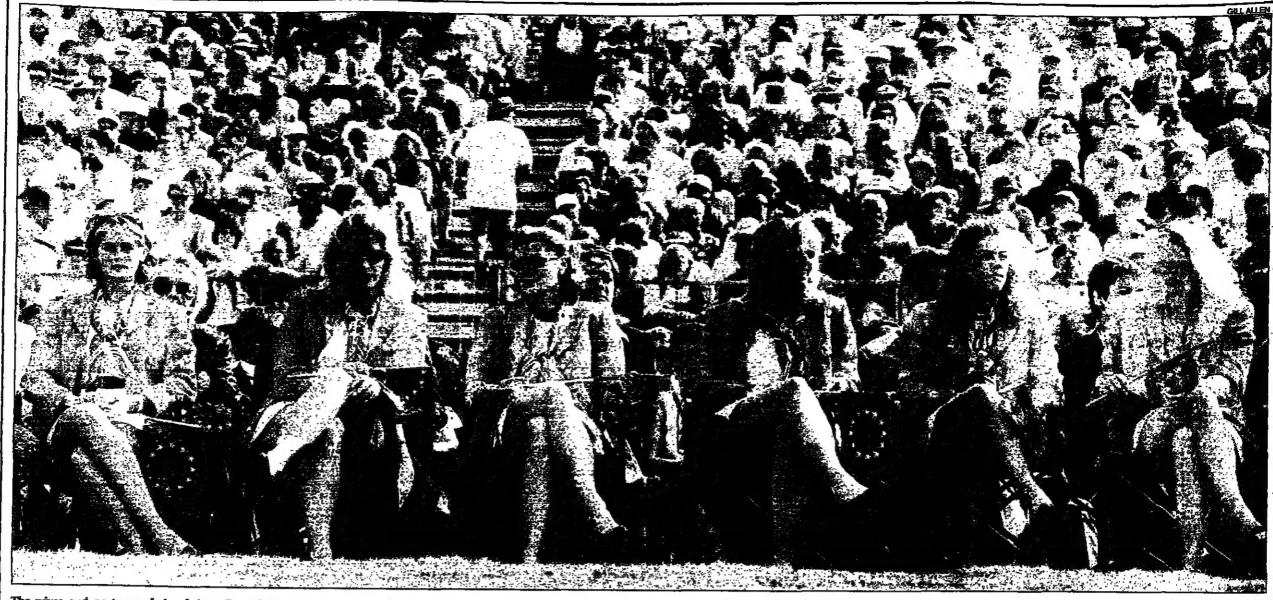


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The wives and partners of six of the twelve European Ryder Cup golfers at the opening ceremony at Valderrama in southern Spain yesterday. Wearing the official European team uniform

Per-Ulrik Johansson's girlfiend; Brenna Cepelak, Nick Faldo's partner: Vikki Langer, wife of Bernhard, Heather Clarke, wife of Darren; Laura Cadiz, Ignacio Garrido's girlfriend; and Mia Parnevik, wife of Jesper. At least the

ground. Tom Lehman's wife. Melissa. fell over as she marched into the arena waving her American flag over-exuberantly to the grandstand. She jumped up with nothing hurt but her pride -

Ballesteros, the Europe captain, plans for America's men over the three days of competition starting today. The ceremony was attended by a host of celebrities including the Duke of York.

Jacklin and Bernard Gallacher. The Duke plays off a single-figure handicap and is expected to cheer on Europe

cans are captained by Tom Kite.

Captain's goal, page 49

'Fifth Man': I took KGB cash to fix my teeth

denied he was the Fifth Man favourable light, that they achievement, about which he claims in his posthumously published autobiography that he only took money from the Russians when he needed expensive dental treatment and for other real emergencies".

John Cairneross, who died two years ago, makes the claims in The Enigma Spy, published next week after being completed by his wife

Despite being labelled as the Fifth Man and the first atom spy in a book co-authored by Oleg Gordievsky. the KGB officer who spied for M16, Cairneross dismisses the accusation as "totally unfounded" and denies he was ever an ideological spy like the notorious four Cambridge spies, Kim Philby, Guy Bur-gess, Donald Maclean and

Anthony Blunt He says in his memoirs that he would have refused any money from his KGB controllers - first Otto, codename for Arnold Deutsch, and then Henry, real name Anatoli Gorsky - if he had been earning more money as a diplomat at the Foreign Office. He says: "The Russians continued to offer money to me at regular intervals, but I only accepted when there was a real emergency, such as the moment when I needed expensive dental treatment."

He adds: "It is often said that the Russians offer money in order to compromise their agents and prevent them from deserting the cause. I must say, without any intention of

Cairneross admitted to MI5

" on against me."

that he had spied for the Russians during the Second World War and had handed over top-secret decrypts of German radio messages when he worked for a year at the Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park. There was an agreement of 'mutual silence" between MI5 and Cairneross and he was never prosecuted.

Cairneross says he knew Burgess, Maclean and Blunt but denied there was a Ring of Five, only a Ring of Four. He was always a "loner", he says, who worked to his KGB controllers without any link to the other spies.

His only reason for being a spy, he says, was to help the Russians fight the Nazis in the



Cairneross: denied he was an ideological spy

never used the financial weap- has no regrets, was to provide which helped the Russians to win the Battle of Kursk in the summer of 1943, the largest tank battle in history and a

turning point in the war. Enigma material passed to the Russians also helped them destroy 600 German aeroplanes during an air battle.

He says there was no problem about obtaining the decrypts, "for they were left around on the floor after being processed". He concealed them in his trousers and was never searched.

One of the MI5 interrogators who saw him in 1973 was Stella Rimington, later to become Director-General of the Security Service. He writes:
"At this meeting, he la Mr Pl
was accompanied by a very
personable young lady named
Stella Rimington who was dressed elegantly in trousers."

In a preface to The Enigma Spy. published by Century. Sir Alec Cairneross, his brother, says: "This is the first and only account by my younger brother that I have ever been given of his contacts with the Soviet Union. During his lifetime he maintained a rigorous silence about those contacts and at no time confided in me."

He adds: "John was particularly upset by the accusation that he had been an atom spy. The only evidence, as he points out, is that his name appeared by mistake on the minutes of a meeting which he did not attend and in whose business he took no part."

FA accused of giving male players a kick start

By Adrian Lee

MALE footballers were awarded their Football Association coaching licences despite gaining poorer marks than women who failed the course, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.
Sammy Lee, who played for Liverpool and is now the

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club's reserve team coach. failed six parts of the course. Paul Allen, formerly of West Ham and now of Millwall, failed eight parts but both men received advanced coaching certificates, it was claimed. But Vanessa Hardwick, who failed only four parts, was unsuccessful.

The tribunal, in central London, heard that 1,500 men had been awarded the certifi-

including the former England coaches Terry Venables and Bobby Robson, but only two women. Ms Hardwick, a physical

education teacher from lekenham, northwest London, claims that the FA sexually discriminated against her on a two-week course at Lilleshall, Shropshire, last year. Giving evidence yesterday, Ms Hard-wick claimed that the course had been dominated by men and that she had been deliberately left out.

The course was physically and emotionally demanding and not being one of the boys made it more intimidating and stressful. I suffered

because I was assessed on my ability to play men's football in their style and not women's, which is vastly different, and that put me at a disad-vantage." All those who ran the course were men, she The tribunal was told that

80 per cent of Premiership managers held the certificate. which was the "very top of the tree" in coaching. Robin Russell the FA's former assistant director of coaching, who was in charge of Ms Hardwick's course, said the disparity in the marking had only recently come to light. He denied she was failed because she was a woman.

The hearing continues.

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Air pollution 'exceeds limits every five days'

AIR pollution reaches levels harmful to health once every five days in parts of Britain. environmental campaigners

Friends of the Earth published figures showing that levels of ozone and particulates, which aggravate asthma and contribute to lung and heart disease, regularly exceed government health standards in many parts of the country. The warning came as the British Medical Association published a report calling on

ional targets to reduce traffic, diesel emissions and vehicle noise, and encourage healthier forms of transport such as cycling. The BMA report, which analyses the effect of traffic pollution on health. predicts serious consequences if traffic levels are not brought

The Friends of the Earth figures are taken from government monitoring stations and highlight national pollution blackspots. They show the number of days this year when levels of ozone and

Firm goes cool on self-chilling can

A COMPANY which was planning to market a selfchilling can announced yesterday that it was modifyng the product after an tional protest (Nick Nuttall writes).

In June the Joseph Company of California said it had developed a drinks can that cooled at the press of a button.

But environmentalists and government ministers. including Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, condemned it.

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is ozone-friendly but is up to 3,400 times more power-ful in its environmental effects than earbon dioxide and critics feared that the cans would add to global warming. Yesterday the com-

ide as a cooling agent. Robin Pellew, director of the World Wide Fund for Nature, welcomed the decision but reserved judgment on the use of carbon

lanning to use carbon diox-

pany said it was now

particulates have exceeded standards in the national air quality strategy.

The monitoring station that registered the most days on which government standards for ozone levels were exceeded was Lullington Heath in East Sussex with 55 days, followed by Somerton in Somerset and Rochester in Kent with 42

Leeds city centre and Port Talbot, South Wales, were the worst stations for particulate pollution this year with more than 40 days when excessive levels were recorded. Particulates, tiny flecks of soot coated in petroleum chemicals such as benzene which penetrate deep into the lungs, are estimated to cause as many as 10,000 premature deaths a Melinda Letts, chief execu-

tive of National Asthma Campaign, said Britain's 3.5 million asthma sufferers were fed-up with breathing traffic furnes that could trigger life-threatening attacks: People should not have to make the choice between their health and being able to go outdoors and live a normal life."

Environmental campaign ers said yesterday that they felt they were winning the argument over traffic pollution. Earlier this year the

A policewoman wears a mask to direct traffic in London. The BMA said levels of pollutants pose a risk to health intention to create an integrattion issue that most concerned

uled to appear next spring. of the Earth, welcomed the The Department of the Envernment moves and the vironment said yesterday that BMA report: Traffic polluit was conscious of the need to tion causes thousands of preaddress traffic levels, encourmature deaths a year which is age the use of public transport why the Government should and cut pollution. It said a back the setting of national targets for reducing traffic." system of local air quality management would be in The BMA report, which is

ed transport policy which would tackle over-reliance on

cars. A White Paper is sched-

being seen as an important part of the consultation prooperation by next year. According to a MORI survey conducted last year for the cess initiated by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, National Society for Clean Air. of 1,999 adults interviewed, 86 says that while roads have per cent said pollution was the become safer for drivers, with environment and conserva-

the culture of car use has led to a marked decrease in walking

Tony Bosworth, an air pol-The average distance lution campaigner at Friends walked per year has fallen by 20 per cent in the last 20 years. Yet walking has major health benefits for all ages - combating obesity and coronary heart disease, protecting against osteoporosis in later life and promoting strength and psychological well-being." the re-

port adds. The report says that road traffic results in stress caused by fear and worry of forthcoming journeys, sleep depriva-tion caused by living near busy roads and the loss of

green spaces. The BMA notes that traffic is responsible for 80 per cent of pollution in London and 25 per cent nationwide. Petrol fumes are linked to leukaemia, and childhood asthma has in-

4,000 in 1980 to 10,000 in 1990. The report concludes with a list of more than 50 recommendations to various government departments, including the establishment of a traffic reduction unit and stringent new limits on exhaust emissions.

creased dramatically with hos-

pital admissions rising from

Pollution disaster, page 18

Bill Gates gives another £12m to university

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

BILL GATES, the billionaire founder of Microsoft, has added to the recordbreaking donation his company made to Cambridge University this summer with a £12 million gift of his own.

He will meet half the cost of a new, state-of-theart computer department to be built on the western outskirts of the city. The gift was made by Mr Gates's personal charity to Cambridge's development office in New York.

The donation comes only three months after Microsoft announced it had chosen the university as the site for a £50 million research centre, hoping to create a new generation of computers. The latest project has no connection with development.

A university spokes-woman said: "It was a completely no-strings attached payment. He gave it to the university to do whatever it wanted, and it was thought most approprizte to use the money to help to set up the new computer department."

The new building which might be named after Mr Gates, will form part of a science campus planned by the university. The spokeswoman added: It will have to go through all the usual university committees and procedures, and then all the city planning procedures, so it will take at least a couple of vears."

Mr Gates, whose personal fortune is estimated at \$38 billion (£24 billion), said he was pleased at the project chosen for his gift. I am excited to see the great work that will emerge from this new centre. Cambridge has built an outstanding computer science curriculum that has already become a training ground for entrepreneurs in this field around the world."

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Trade body finds tough meat warning hard to stomach recommendations, produced

EATING red meat may increase the risk of cancer, the Government said in tough new guidelines yesterday.

Even those eating average levels of meat - eight to ten portions a week, or 90 grams a day - should consider cutting down. Those eating 12-14 portions a week should reduce consumption, the Department of Health said.

The recommendations were attacked by the Meat and Livestock Commission, which said they were not justified by scientific evidence.

The new advice was issued in the form of a press release without the report that provides the scientific basis for the advice. The report - which made recommendations less tough than the press release was withdrawn from the printers at the last minute after scientists on the Committee on the Medical Aspects of food policy (Coma) made lastminute objections, claiming it misrepresented their views by underplaying the risks of meat

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, was forced to order printing of the report to stop and a revised version, includTHE PROS AND CONS OF DNA TESTING

Genetic testing for breast cancer cannot at present be justified, Ruth Chadwick, professor of moral philosophy at the University of Central Lancashire, told a debate organised by the King's Fund yesterday (Nigel Hawkes writes). The costs, both psycho-

logical and economic are simply too high a price to pay and cannot be afforded by the NHS," she said. Dr Nigel Bundred, reader in surgical oncology at the University Hospital of South Manchester,

ing the tougher new wording about meat, was agreed and will appear next month.

Ministers were angered by the confusion and that it gave the impression that data was being doctored to make it palatable to the meat trade. It remained uncertain last night who exactly had been responsible for sending the softer version of the advice to be printed.

That version said that only those eating large amounts of meat - 140 g (5 oz) a day or more - were at increased risk

Fund, took the opposite view. "Genetic testing has the potential to save thousands of lives and save the NHS money. Money needs to be made available now to deal with the cousequences of testing." of colon cancer. But the final

said that many common

cancers did not have any

intervention that would

guarantee a person would

not develop cancer. "Pub-lie demand for testing has

been stoked by geneti-cists." Professor Gordon

McVie, director-general of

the Cancer Research

wording, agreed at a Coma meeting on Wednesday, says that those who eat an average of 90 g of meat a day or more "should consider a reduction". The Health Department's

fibre from a variety of food sources, and not to increase body weight during adult life. The new wording of the advice was agreed after ministers were told that the final

press release also advised an increased intake of a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, increased intake of dietary

by a panel chaired by Professor Alan Jackson of Southampton University, had not been approved by the whole committee. The effect of the change was to strengthen the message of the report.

Colin Maclean, directorgeneral of the Meat and Livestock Commission, said: "It simply isn't true that science supports the case for a link between red meat and colon cancer. Indeed, there appears to be no difference in colon cancer rates between meat-eaters and vegetarians."

Meat is also targeted in a second report that was published yesterday by the World Cancer Research Fund, an independent body, which makes sweeping recommen-dations in a 600-page report based on a review of more than 4,000 scientific studies. It suggests limiting red meat to

less than 80 g a day.

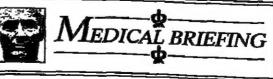
New food-labelling laws will require manufacturers to give more information about ingredients. Instead of simply listing what is in the product, labels will have to state the percentage amounts of main ingredients. Foods labelled "low" or "reduced" energy will have to carry nutritional information backing the claim.

Hormone is key to bedwetting

BEDWETTING by children is usually a result of underproduction of vasopressin. the anti-diuretic hormone, rather than a bladder abnormality or personality defects. the new International Children's Continence Society confirms in a report in The Pharmaceutical Times.

The psychological problems that are often obvious are generally a result of the way the condition has been treated — not the cause of the trouble. It is normal for babies of less than one year to have low levels of vasopressin and no amount of training can persuade them to be dry at night. Bed-

wetting usually stops when



some time between the ages of two and five, and production of the hormone rises. Research by Ann Fly Han-

sen, of Aarhus University in Denmark, has shown that vasopressin is produced in appreciably lower quantities by persistent bedwetters, although their bladder size and function are normal.

The usual treatment is the provision of an alarm and a kindly chat. This is not of

of vasopressin and therefore an abnormally high nighttime secretion of urine.

Desmopressin, synthetic vasopressin is available in spray form for children. When combined with an alarm which activates when the bed is wet, it is effective in 70 per cent of cases. The fast improvement can revo-

lutionise a child's morale. In a study of 12,000 children in the United Kingdom. help when there is too little it was found that 10 per cent

were still occasional enew retics at five and 5 per cent were at the age of 1L There is often a family history of bedwetting and in the past it has been ascribed to late maturation of the nervous system. Instead, it may well be that many hereditary bedwetters have too little vasopressin and require desmopressin spray or tablets.

Any bedwetting tendency can be enhanced by stress. including that caused by the understandable but regrettable irritation that is caused, or even parents' overenthusiasm for potty training.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

How Gilford extracted his blood money

LUCILLE McLAUCHLAN and Deborah Parry have been secretly bartering for their lives for the past two weeks. Crouched in their stifling cell in the Damman Central Prison they stared in disbelief at the documents detailing the amount of money Frank Gilford was demanding to spare them from the execu-

tioner's sword. Their lawyers tried to explain to them the opaque working of "blood money" under Saudi Arabia's Sharia law and made it clear the women had no other choice but to sign this secret agreement.

Before they agreed, the two nurses insisted on sending a note condemning Mr Gilford's behaviour to the British diplomat in Australia who was monitoring this deal.

They felt they were being blackmailed and were ap-palled that Mr Gilford would not agree that all the evidence from the murder investigation should be revealed until after he got his money.

From the \$1.2 million purse. \$700,000 went to him and only \$500,000 to a children's hospital in Australia. McLauchlan, 31. from Dundee and Parry, 38. from Alton. Hampshire, wrote that they wanted all the

money to go to charity.

One of their lawyers, Michael Dark, said: "At first there was delight that Mr Gilford

was showing clemency.
"For a day they felt relief that the threat of the death sentence had been lifted from them, and then hours later they heard a radio bulletin in their cell saying Deborah was to be executed and Lucille to be publicly flogged. They were utterly distraught."

Parry collapsed on the floor of her cell when she heard that she had been sentenced to death. Other inmates crowded into the cell and started screaming for help as McLauchlan tried to revive

Parry, who was already undergoing psychiatric treatment, was taken to the hospital wing "for her own safety". She was placed on an intrave-

Mr Dark said: "They had been on an emotional rollercoaster for 48 hours."

During the negotiations Mr Gilford often changed his mind about the money he wanted. Both women knew

o stomach

Obliged to barter for their lives for the past two weeks, McLauchlan and Parry found the final deal beyond belief, reports Daniel McGrory

their families could never find the \$1.2 million that he had decided was the final price of

his sister's life. A Saudi legal source told The Times: They were at their wits' end. Both were literally sick at the thought of what they were being forced to do, but they knew they had no other option.

"Both were insistent their families must be assured they would not die if they could not raise that much money. They were scared, very confused, and frankly didn't know what

The nurses also knew that time was against them. They had been told that on

September 23 that the Islamic court would convene. Parry was convinced the three judges would deliver their verdicts then. McLauchlan tried to calm her friend. Michael Dark said: "On the

eve of the court hearing they signed the deal and wrote their handwritten notes." They were for Sir Roger Carrick, the British High Commissioner in Australia, to protest their innocence and their abhorrence at what they were being forced to do.

"They knew they were innocent, but the fact this clemency deal was being rushed past them convinced them that the courts would return guilty verdicts," a Saudi legal source

The nurses had been told that Sir Roger was involved in the negotiations with Mr Gilford's lawyers. They wanted their views passed on to the 59-year-old taxi driver who both accuse of prolonging

Deborah Parry wrote: "I have no choice but to sign." McLauchlan wrote about her "great reluctance" and her "distaste" at what she was being forced into. She described the unbelievable

were under. Throughout, both maintain their complete innocence of Miss Gilford's murder in her

stress and worry" both women

and stabbed 13 times.

"mercenary aims" and him

Both letters were delivered by Mr Dark to the British

embassy in Riyadh and then

One of their Saudi lawyers,

Saleh al-Hejailan, agreed to

reveal the contents of these

handwritten notes to The

Times last night only after Mr

on to Australia.

the death penalty.

receiving a "small fortune".

money out of others' agony." Mr Dark described the last hours of negotiations as bedroom at the King Fahd military complex in Dhahran

on December II. The 55-yearold Australian staff nurse had been suffocated, bludgeoned the documents and talked amongst themselves.

Lawyers say they did not try to influence the women's choice of language. but also their anguish." They had both written their letters by the morning of the McLauchlan is the more strident referring to Mr Gilford's

Twenty minutes after she returned to her cell and was reunited with Parry the women heard a radio news bulletin on the BBC World

Gilford, his wife and his lawyers claimed that no such deal existed for him to waive "She was distraught." McLauchlan tried to comfort her while she tried to grasp The torment he has put these women through is indeher own fate - 500 lashes and scribable," Mr Dark said.

"Now he has lied and they hear reports in their prison cell the deal they signed he wants to ignore. These women must be reassured they will neither be hanged nor flogged. They and I feel Mr Gilford should not be making so much

On Saturday he was allowed to see them to finalise the deal. Both women studied

"You could sense their relief

They had hoped that the Court of Cassation was going to hear evidence," Mr Dark said. "They had not expected a fina verdict."

Service. "Wrongly it said Parry was to be executed," Mr Dark said.



PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL DEAR SIR ROGER

I am opposed to signing this settlement document, as I am totally innocent, and it is abhorrent to me to give so much money to someone in connection with a crime that I did not commit. But in the circumstances, I have no choice but to sign, because the threat of the death penalty is too much for me to continue to

My family and I have suffered enormous mental torment already by virtue of the death threat that has been unjustly hanging over me for what seems a lifetime and that has been prolonged and worsened by the actions of Mr Gilford and his lawvers.

Despite the injustice of this agreement, as a nurse l am pleased that at least some of the money will go the hospital in Adelaide,

and would prefer that the entire sum be given to charity.

However, as with the threat of the death penalty, I am in the hands of Mr Gilford and of whatever his demands may be as to who will be the ultimate recipient of the funds.

I would like to state here and now that I append my signature with a totally clear conscience, in the full and certain knowledge that I am innocent of the unsubstantiated

accusations against me. I note sadly that Mr Gilford has only agreed to join us in asking the Saudi Arabian authorities to disclose all the evidence in their possession relating to the murder after he has been paid.

> Yours sincerely DEBORAH K. PARRY

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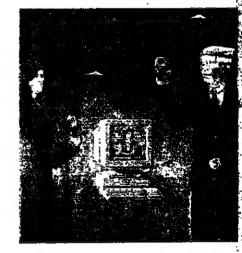
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LUCILLE MCLAUGHLIN'S LETTER

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL DEAR SIR ROGER

I am writing this from Damam Central Prison whilst I await a verdict on the outcome of my trial of the murder of Yvonne Gilford.

Although I am signing this document, I do so with great reluctance, and I sincerely hope that my signature will not be misinterpreted by the Saudi Arabia authorities and others as in any way being an admission of guilt. I have no choice but to settle privately with Mr Gilford for money and. however distasteful, I am under enormous pressure to do so.

The constant threat of the unjust death penalty has caused unbelievable stress and worry, not only to Debbie and myself but also to our families and friends and to our supporters who have done so much to help us

for no financial gain. I am innocent of all charges against me and hope and pray that I

have the chance of a fair trial to clear my name in the near future. I have from the beginning asked Mr

Gilford to help us in finding out the truth regarding Yvonne's death, but only now has he agreed to join us in uncovering the evidence upon his receipt of a small fortune. It is a cruel world that ties our search for justice to someone else's mercenary aims, but there seems to be no escaping that cynical

I hope that any money which Mr Gilford receives from this settlement or which he manages to raise himself from this tragedy will be used in a charitable way in memory of his sister, my colleague and friend, Yvonne. Let us hope that it is the memory of the charity which lasts. not the aftertaste of the other money which will be passed.

Yours sincerely LUCILLE MCLAUGHLIN September 22 1997



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MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to drive the paparazzi out of Britain by ending the market in intrusive photography were unveiled yesterday by Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Communication the Press Complaints Commission.

The proposals, drawn up after consultation with newspaper editors, also seek to reduce the media "scrums" around people in the news, protect children from intrusion until they have finished full-time education, ban motorbike chases, protect the bereaved from unwanted media attention and extend privacy zones so that people can eat in restaurants and sunbathe without fear of

Newspapers will be banned from publishing pictures obtained by stalking or hound-ing, trespass, breaking traffic laws and road chases under the proposals. Lord Wakeham said: "There will therefore no longer be a market in this country for pictures taken by the sort of photographers who persistently pursued Princess

"Motorbike chases, stalking and hounding are unaccept-able — and editors who carry PROPOSALS TO PROTECT PRIVACY

To ban publication of pictures obtained illegally or through "persistent pursuit" or stalking. To encourage photo agencies to sign up to the Code of Practice.

To tackle the "deeply intimidating" media scrom that builds up around the home or workplace of someone in a news story.

■ To extend the arbitrary age limit of 16 on the pro-tection of children to all those in full-time education. ■ To ban payments for stories to those under 16.

To ban stories on the private life of children where the only justification is that their parents are famous. To expand the code's definition of private property to include such places as churches or restaurants, where

people might rightly expect privacy.

To define private life in terms, for instance, of people's health, home life, family relationships and personal correspondence into which the Press should not intrude without overriding public interest.

invaded, said Lord Wakeham.

However, he added that fam-

popular beaches in Spain or

the South of France could not

reasonably expect not to be

He also proposed moves to

the reduce the amount of

"doorstepping" — when re-porters and photographers

surround a person's home or

workplace. "This scrum is

deeply intimidating. Journal-

ists should stay at the scene

only for as long as the public

photographed".

he subjected to the severest

censure by the commission." Photograph agencies, many of which circulated pictures of the Princess on holiday with Dodi Fayed, are to be encouraged to come within the commission's jurisdiction.

Lord Wakeham proposed to extend the definition of private property to include public places where people could reasonably expect privacy. Celebrities should be able to eat a meal in a restaurant, visit church or go on holiday without their privacy being

in Balmoral, and he would like to see it institutionalised in the Code. The new measures would not bring about an end to "kiss and tell" stories which always had been subject to the code.

The moves were backed by broadsheet and tabloid editors alike, and are expected to be formally approved by the PCC's code committee.

Dunblane and most recently

with Prince William, Prince

Harry and the Prince of Wales

Lord Wakeham said he would also be contacting the ambassadors and press regulators of most European countries, America, Australia, New Zealand and Canada to discuss a collective approach to the problem. But he conceded: The market place in which they operate is global, and no ous people who chose to go to actions that we can take on our own in this country could alter that in any way." The moves were being con-

sidered yesterday by the code committee, chaired by Sir David English.

☐ The News of the World has told more than 100 freelance photographers and agencies they must sign a declaration confirming they will not stalk or pursue people in the news in order to obtain photo-



Lord Wakeham announcing his proposals yesterday on the use of paparazzi photographs in the media

Brown's advisers tell how they manipulated the media



Brown: he is shown preparing the Budget BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

GORDON BROWN's advisers have given a fascinating insight into the way they manipulated the media as Labour drew up its key economic pledges in the months before the

Charlie Whelan, the Chancellor's media chief, explains in a Scottish Television documentary how it was necessary to be "economical with the truth" as Mr Brown prepared to announce that he would not increase the top rate of tax if Labour gained power.

Mr Whelan happily admits to an outrageous piece of media manipu-

lation. First the Sunday papers were softened up with promises that a Labour government would be tough on public spending and to watch for a speech later in the week on the

implications it might have for tax. Then Monday morning television programmes were led the same line in interviews recorded on the Sunday evening and questions of tax levels were ducked.

But Mr Brown stunned the political world by making the announcement right at the end of a live interview on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme on Monday morning that the top rate of tax would remain at 40p. Mr Whelan says: "You just have to be economical with the

truth. You have to say things. You should never lie but it's very difficult. They understand. They will certainly understand tomorrow and forgive me."

The first programme in the series, called Out of The Shadows and to be broadcast on ITV next Tuesday at 10.40pm, gives an intimate portrait of Mr Brown's role as co-ordinator of Labour's successful campaign. In the second, We Are The Treasury, the cameras are inside the Treasury to record the arrival of Mr Brown on May 2

One of the themes of the documentary is the central role played by policymakers such as Ed Balls, Mr Brown's economic policy adviser,

and Mr Whelan, and how dominant they are compared with the traditional Treasury mandarins. The rough cut of the film is believed to contain footage of Mr

Balls, a former Financial Times journalist, being rude about the Bank of England governors. At another point in the film Mr Whelan suggests to a journalist that if he suggested New Labour would be anything other than tough on public spending I will come and beat you up".

The cameras were allowed unprecedented access to Mr Brown and the Treasury even as the Budget in July was being prepared. All the members of the television team involved had to sign detailed confidentiality documents and the tapes were locked in a Scottish Television safe to which only three people had access.

In allowing a television crew into the hallowed corridors of the Treasury during the period of Budget purdah the Chancellor was signalling a new era of greater openness in Government. But he was also taking a huge risk.

If there had been a significant leak of price-sensitive information as a result of the presence of the television team Mr Brown might have had to resign, just as Hugh Dalton, a former Labour Chancellor, did because of a remark to a

journalist. In fact, there was controversy over apparent briefings about the contents of the Budget but none involving the programme

Scottish Television got its political scoop largely because Mr Brown was once a researcher there.

The first programme also shows the Prime Minister during the election campaign complaining that he cannot make a breathrough because no one wants to talk about anything else but Tory sleaze and divisions. "It's a nightmare getting anything else out," Mr Blair says in a rare appearance in a portrait life in the modern Treasury.

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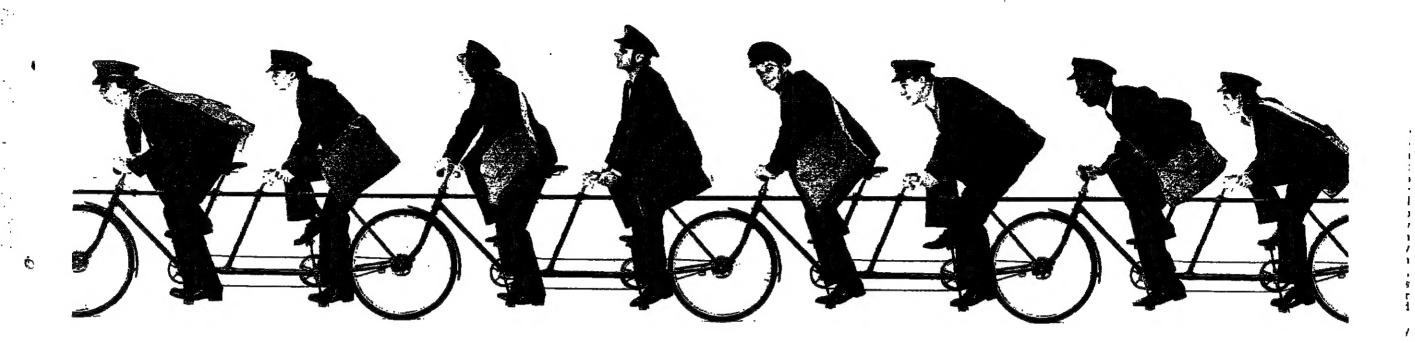
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Straw puts onus on parents to beat child crime

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

criminals had believed they JACK STRAW yesterday unveiled the biggest shake-up in the youth justice system for 50 years with measures aimed at forcing parents to take responsibility for unruly children. ents who then say, 'What can I

THE PROPOSED ORDERS

☐ Reparation order: courts will be able to order a young

offender to make reparation to the victim lasting a

maximum of 24 hours over three months. Reparation could

involve writing a letter, apologising in person, weeding a

garden or collecting litter. The order could be imposed as a

Parenting order: courts will be able to order parents to

attend parenting classes if their child, aged 10-17, is

sentenced for a crime or is made subject of a community

safety order and if a child under 10 is subject of a child safety

order. An order may be imposed where parents are

months and would require parents to attend counselling

and guidance classes at least once a week. Courts will be

able to order parents to ensure children are at home between

certain hours or are escorted to school. The consent of

parents will not be needed for the order to be imposed and a

breach will make parents liable to a fine of up to £1,000. The

Government does not say whether a parent who does not

pay risks being jailed.

Action plan order: a community punishment where a young offender aged 10-17 will be under the supervision of a

youth offender team for three months. It could involve

making reparations to the victim, staying away from certain

areas and specific activities aimed at dealing with

☐ Child safety order: targeted at children under 10, it will last three months. The local authority will apply for the

order where it fears a child is at risk of involvement in crime

because, for example, he or she is out late at night or failing

☐ Local child curfew: the local authority will be able to

apply for a curfew banning unsupervised children under 10

from a certain area. The curfest may apply at any time. The

currew will last for a maximum of 90 days:

The parenting order would last for a maximum of three

prosecuted for failing to send a child to school.

punishment on its own or linked with a fine or curfew.

The proposals, which in-clude curiews for children under 10. orders making mothers and fathers attend parenting classes and forcing young criminals to apologise and do community work, are intended to "break the excuse culture", Mr Straw said.

Local councils are to be given the power to create curfew areas that bar children from parts of neighbourhoods at specific times. The Home Secretary said that the measures, which will be included in the Crime and Disorder Bill early next year, were essential because for too long young

could get away with offending. He added that he was trying to end "the approach to young offenders that seeks to excuse their behaviour and the par-

He said that the local child curfews were to help to establish norms of behaviour that were sometimes lacking on some estates, but added: "It is rather depressing that we have got to this pass."

The Government plans to abolish the principle of doli incapax, which presumes that children under 14 do not know the difference between right and wrong, and change the system under which police deal with young offenders.

The police cautioning system is to be replaced by a

officers give a young offender a police reprimand followed by a final warning. If a child continues to commit crimes, a criminal charge and appearance in court will result. The orders will be adminis-

tered by young offender teams made up of police and probation officers, health officials and social workers. They will be introduced in pilot schemes

statutory scheme in which

They include the reparation order, in which the offender must help the victim; the parenting order, requiring parents to attend guidance and counselling classes; the action plan order, including staying away from certain areas; the child safety order, where the child risks being drawn into crime; and the local child curfew, for children aged under 10.

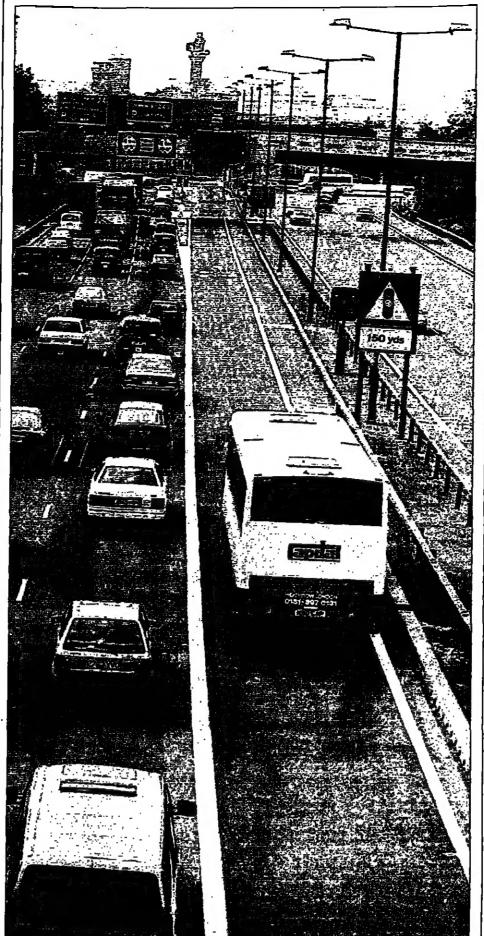
During the next few weeks Mr Straw will publish propos-als aimed at halving the time it takes from the arrest of a young offender to sentence being imposed. He said the Government was moving towards a radical overhaul of the youth courts with the adoption in England and Wales of a more inquisitorial and less adversarial approach.

The proposals were broadly welcomed by police, penal reform groups and local authorities, although penal reform goups expressed concern that parenting and curfew orders were unlikely to work without the co-operation of

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "It is crucial that parents are persuaded to consent to the training. We fear that enforcing curfews on young children could increase tension, risk and even violence amongst many of the poorest

Compulsion and fines will be not be effective in changing many of the parents' be-

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Britain's first motorway bus lane was opened yesterday near Heathrow. It runs for 1.5km between junctions 4 and 4A along the M4 spur road and is designed to ease rush hour traffic congestion into the airport. More than a hundred buses and coaches an hour are expected to use the £1 million route

Capital's red-light industry moves off the streets

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 5,000 prostitutes have 80,000 clients every week on the streets and in brothels in London, according to a survey published yesterday.

The vice industry, which the study says stretches from the streets of Whitechapel to hostess bars and massage parlours in the West End, has a turnover of about £250 million. But the traditional image of streetwalkers is moving into history as more women operate from flats, massage par-lours and saunas, and hostess clubs and bars.

A growing number of wo-men from the Far East, South America and Eastern Europe are employed in hostess clubs which cater for professional men in their early 40s, according to the study published by Middlesex University. Police in London have reported a halving in street prostitution in the past three years. matched by an increase in women working from commercial premises.

Professor Roger Matthews, author of the study, said: "The growing commercialisation of the trade and the development more discreet and

privatised forms will make intervention in commercial sexual activity in the capital much more difficult." The police "prostitutes in-

dex" shows there are 1,100 women "known" to have been involved in street prostitution during the past year but only 635 were actively engaged in vice. Women working in red-light districts had declined in Streatham, Tottenham, the central West End and King's

On any one night there are about 115 women working the streets, earning about £300 a week, although those working in wealthier districts can earn much more. A woman working in Whitechapel charges £10 to £40 for her services while in Mayfair the cost is upwards of £100. The report found that women working in hostess bars charged the most. The study was commis-

sioned by London Weekend Programme. .



Pitcairns drive out rats after 500 years

BY NICK NUTTALL

ONE of Britain's remotest colonies is now free of rats following an eradication programme that offers hope to the wildlife and inhabitants of thousands of small islands.

The Pitcairn group, home to rare birds and the descendants of Fletcher Christian and the mutinous crew of the Bounty, has been infested with rats for 500 years.

Three years ago British scientists on the Sir Peter Scott Commemorative Expedition said that some of the islands' unique birds, like Dark Herald's petrel, were losing the war against rats which eat the chicks.

But yesterday Brian Bell, a pest-control expert employed by the Department of International Development and the World Wide Fund for Nature, said two of the group's four islands were now free of the pests.

He said the success was partly due to political will, the availability of funding and a growing awareness of the need to conserve unique islands. "It is also due to the availability now of secondgeneration, anti-coagulant rodenticides," said Mr Bell.

In the past, pest-control experts used chemicals like warfarin, but the rats often became sick before they had taken a lethal dose and would avoid baits.

The Foreign Office and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds have joined forces in a £1 million programme to also rid the Atlantic Island of Ascension of feral cats and rats.

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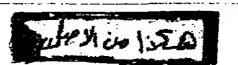
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Mother Nature shows she knows best

Woodland left alone to regenerate after the storm of 1987 has fared far

better than areas replanted at a cost

of at least £13m, writes Lin Jenkins

NEARLY ten years years after the Great Storm, nature has done a better job of restoring devastated woodland than tree-planting projects costing millions of pounds.

Environmentalists said yesterday that at least £13 million was wasted replacing the estimated 15 million trees that were blown over on the night of October 16, 1987.

Woodlands where fallen timber was left on the ground now have new, 20 ft-high trees and a huge diversity of other flora and fauna in the gaps. But areas where the buildozers moved in to clear damaged and fallen trees and immediate replanting took place have failed to thrive.

Peter Raine, director of the Kent Wildlife Trust, said: "The temptation was to charge in and clear up the mess that night had made. That was the right thing to do when dangerous trees were in public places, the right thing in parkland where, say, a Capability Brown landscape had suffered, less the right thing do with commercial woodland. It was very much the wrong thing to do with ancient semi-woodland."

He said one site replanted with 200 trees ten years ago now had only five still alive. Toys Hill in Sevenuaks. where new planting had taken place, was one example, as was Stammer Park, where Brighton County Council had completely cleared woodland and replanted trees in protec-

tive tubes only for them to die. More than £13 million was spent through Taskforce Trees set up by Nicholas Ridley, the then Environment Secretary, in the aftermath of the most destructive storm in southern England since 1703. More than 2 million trees were planted under the scheme, mostly by local authorities, to replace those felled by the wind. Kent and

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Sussex were worst hit. Mr Raine said: "In semi-natural and ancient woodland, even more damage was done by clearing up. It was an extremely wet autumn and winter and the soil was very wet. The soil contained the genetic seedbed and putting bulldozers on that compacted it. You ended up with the sort of plants that grow in car parks - willow herb, bramble, nettles and thistles, rather than the seeds in the soil such as oaks, bluebells, hazel and hawthorn."

Trees planted in the compacted soil died, he said. But woodlands where a non-interventionist approach was taken had witnessed a flurry of growth and promotion of different species. Since the storm, nightjars had returned to clearings in Lyminge For-est, near Hythe in Kent, and species of beetle, bat, woodpecker and the rare splitgilled fungus were thriving in unmanaged woodland where they were once rarities. Mr Raine added: "The lesson we have learnt is that we need to stand back."

Dr Nick Brown, of the Oxford Forestry Institute, said that the experiences of the storm had transformed the way woodlands and parklands were managed in Britain. In the past, foresters had planted vast stands of trees which were prone to being blown over.

"A dense forest means each tree tends to rely on each other for wind protection. So when you thin them out after 30 years you can be left with stands of thin spindly spruce which will blow over like matchsticks," he said. The new management techniques for commercial forests involved removing smaller blocks, leaving trees better able to survive gales. □Additional reporting by Nick Nuttall



The Rev John Lawrence and his wife Dawn outside the rebuilt church and, below, the wrecked 1950s building he was glad to see in ruins

The Act of God that made a vicar smile

By Adrian Lee

IT WAS one of the most embarrassingly wrong publie pronouncements ever. Michael Fish, the weather forecaster, had told millions of viewers: "A woman rang to say she'd heard a hurricane was on the way. Well, if

you're watching, there isn't." The day after, when the storm was still raging, a sense of shock and gloom overwhelmed the Met Office. said Nigel Reed, then a researcher.

Mr Reed. 42, now deputy to the head of the National Meteorological Centre, said yesterday: "It was a blow to the forecasters' morale. We thought of ourselves as among the best in the world and here was major devastation. We realised that, given the information we had, we could have done things better, so I suppose there was

In 1987 the Met Office forecast strong winds over France and the Channel. "With the benefit of hindsight we were trying to be too precise," Mr Reed said. With winds that close to the English coast we should have realised there would be problems inland."

He remembered feeling sorry for Mr Fish. "The forecast is done by a team and it was a case of shooting the messenger."

Despite his remark, Mr Fish has prospered since. He has been promoted and can command several thousand pounds as an after-dinner speaker.

Not that his error troubled

the Reverend John Lawrence, one of the few people in southern England who slept through the entire storm. After spending the night ten miles from his home in Rochester, Kent, he picked his way along roads littered by debris to find his church, St Justus, virtually demolished.

During the next four years the church was rebuilt, with the cost of £850,000 covered by insurers. A plaque in the new building commemorates the storm.

Mr Lawrence said: "I have to admit I was thrilled when



been built, fairly badly, in the 1950s and we would have liked to have started again anyway. Without the storm it would never have been allowed, but God did it for

David Rhoder had a rather more frightening experience. He was sitting in a car when live power cables, weakened by the storm, came crashing down, trapping him and a workmate in Pulhorough, West Sussex.

For ten minutes he sat

cuted, before PC Brian Charman arrived and used a wooden broom to lift the lines. "We were terrified of

touching anything metal." Mr Rhoder, 35, said. "We were stuck for only a few minutes but it seemed like forever.

When we eventually got out I was shaking, but I managed to go back to work next day. Looking back. I realise what a narrow escape

Case of hanged seaman is to be reviewed

By RICHARD FORD

A SEAMAN who was hanged 45 years ago for the murder of a shopkeeper is to have his case reviewed by the Court of Appeal after a campaign by his widow to prove his innocence.

The Criminal Cases Review Commission admitted yesterday that new evidence called into question the safety of the conviction. Laura Mattan has fought to get a posthumous pardon for her husband, who was hanged in Cardiff jail in 1952, seven weeks after being convicted of killing Lily Volpert, whose throat was cut during a robbery at her shop in Cardiff docks.

Lawyers for the family said vesterday that it was "beyond belief" that Mahmood Mattan, a 28-year-old Somali sea-

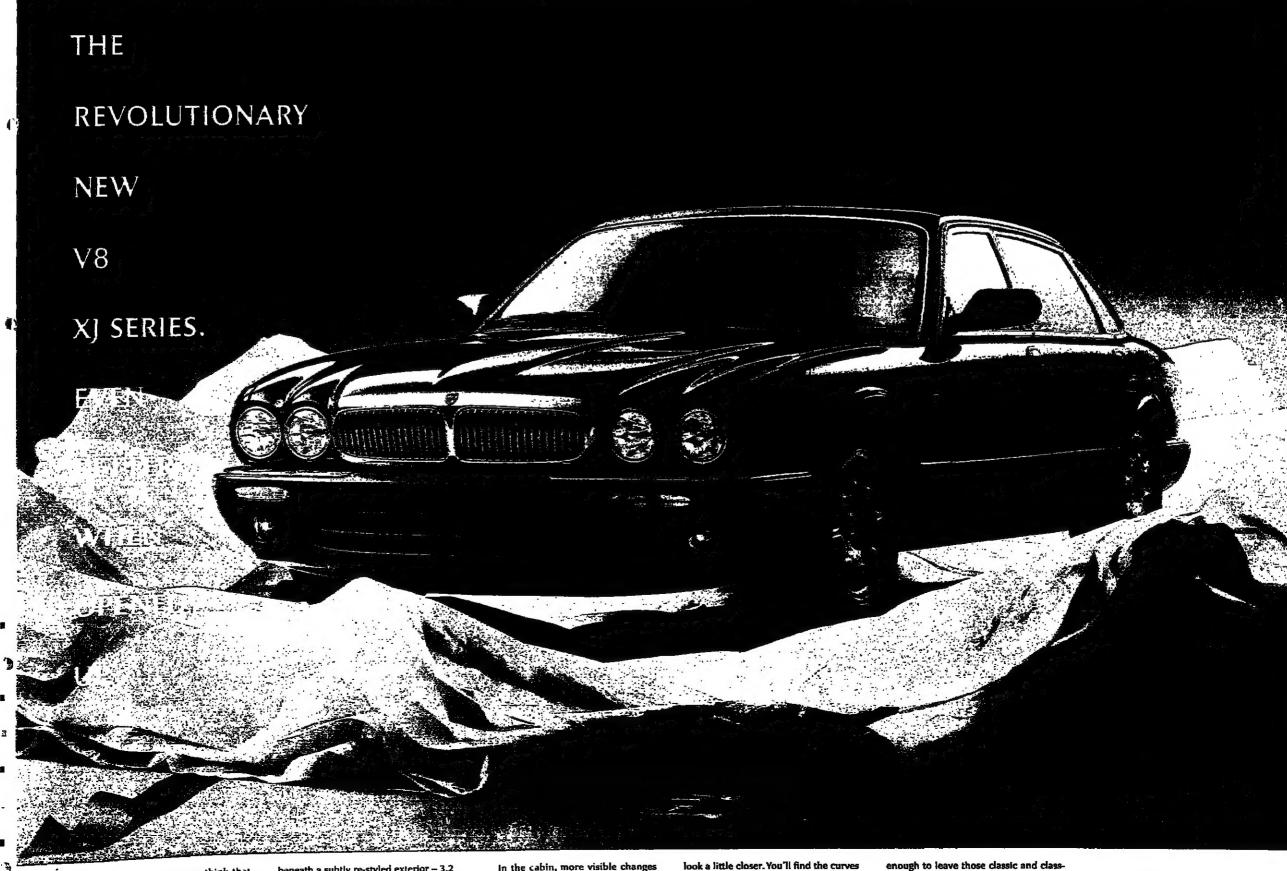
man, had been executed. The lawyers, who have given their services free, sent a detailed legal submission to Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, last year. It was then transferred to the review commission when it began operating last April.

The commission said yesterday that there was "sufficient evidence, which was not available to the defence at the trial and appeal proceedings, to call into question the safety of this conviction". The evidence shed doubt on identification that "was central to the case".

Martan, described by his lawyer at his trial in Swansea as "a half-child of nature. a semi-civilised savage", was convicted on the identification evidence of one witness and blood found on one shoe.

In their application to the commission, the family's solicitors said that Mattan had had no legal advice on his arrest, during interviews or while on identity parades. They claim that evidence

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School test marks higher, but boys could do better

By David Charter, Education correspondent

gress in improving boys' literacy overshadowed results overall in national tests for 7. 11 and 14-year-olds yesterday. For the first time more than 60 per cent of 11year-olds reached the average score or better in English. mathematics and science. However far fewer boys than girls made the grade in English at all three ages for national testing.

The figures were hailed by the Government as a major step towards its target that by 2002 some 80 per cent of 11year-olds should reach the average level in English and 75 per cent in mathematics.

In this summer's tests, 63 per cent of 11-year-olds gained the required grades in English, up from 58 per cent last year, and 62 per cent made the grade in mathematics, up from 54 per cent. The success rate in science was 69 per cent, compared with 62 per cent last year.

Estelle Morris, a Junior Education Minister, said: "I particularly welcome these improvements as they confirm that our ambitious literacy and numeracy targets are achievable. However, there is



Morris: ambitious targets achievable

year-old boys compared with 69 per cent of girls made the expected grade in English.

bleak for boys at 14. Ms Morris added: "Girls continue to do better in English tests, with 66 per cent of them achieving the expected level or better by the age of 14, compared with 47 cent for boys. We shall continue our work to ensure that we tackle boys' under-achievement."

The Government has made raising literacy levels a priority and has recommended a daily literacy hour at every

WORLD CLASS AT MATHS AND SCIENCE

English 13-year-olds are among the best in the world at applying mathematics and science skills, according to The Times Educational Supplement today. Only Singapore performed better in a 19-country survey of practical tasks.

Fifty schools in England undertook 12 practical tasks, such as weighing and measuring and using scientific instruments. Scottish 13year-olds came joint behind Switzerland. Australia and Sweden The results came 24

hours after Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools. urged teachers to concertrate more on traditional maths skills after a poor showing in the recent Third International Maths and Science Study, in which English children came tenth out of 17 countries in

in science. The tests in English schools were funded by the Office for Standards in Education and were carred out by the Natinal Foundation for Educational Research.

mathematics and fifth

primary school and summer schools for the weakest IIyear-olds. Figures for attendance of the trial summer schools this year are expected attended than girls.

At age seven, tests in reading and writing and mathematics showed slight improvement, with 80 per achieving the expected level or above in each. A total of 84 per cent succeeded in mathematics but seven-year-olds did less well in spelling, with only 62 per cent achieving satisfactory results.

Words that caused the most confusion for seven-year-olds included weather, lights, any-thing, quickly, luckily, hurt

and garage.

At age 14, the proportion of all children doing as well as expected or better fell slightly in English, from 57 per last year to 56 per cent, but it improved in mathematics and science, from 57 per cent to 60 per cent in both cases.

The Government will not

repeat last year's exercise to publish league tables for U-year-olds, which cost £1.3 mil-lion. However all local authorities will be required to publish results for primary schools in January.

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: These results provide a good basis for the assault on the Government's demanding national targets. They will also have a spin-off that will improve achievement at GCSE and A level. They will do much to improve the morale of a teaching profession that has been battered by too much criticism for too long." Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union

of Teachers, also welcomed the results, which he said were "hard to square with some of the more apocalyptic announcements coming out of Ofsted, the schools inspectorate". He added: "It is now time for cool analysis of the conditions that help to create success rather than falling back on blanket criticism of teaching and teachers."



Fast-track Bangladeshis who go from 0 to 100% in English

heart of London's Banglamost all pupils learn English ed a 100 per cent success rate in the literacy tests.

Virtually every pupil at Kobi Nazrul School, Whitechapel, arrives speaking only Bengali. In this summer's tests for seven-year-olds, they all reached national targets for reading and writing and half reached the level of nine-Their success was put down

to an hour a day spent on "systematic and rigorous" learning of the basics, underpinned by the phonics approach. Children learn the basic letter sounds and combinations and how to use them to construct words, rather than being taught to recognise whole words, as in the "Look and say" method. Ruth Systematic teaching that aims to

show that reading is fun has

paid off, reports David Charter

said: "The whole thrust of our approach is that reading is brilliant and it is also fun to work out words. "The sooner they learn to

read, the more they enjoy reading. The more they enjoy. the better they become."
The school is in Tower Hamlets, which came 116th out of 119 local authorities in last year's tests for 11-year-olds. Nearly two-thirds of the

an indicator of poverty. Nationally in last summer's tests for seven-year-olds, 78 per cent of children gained level two or above in reading.

pupils have free school meals.

Miskin, the head teacher, 79 per cent in writing and 82 per cent in mathematics. Few inner-city primary schools score 100 per cent in all three. Kobi Nazrul, named after a

Bengali poet, was opened only three years ago, and its seven-vear-olds were its first group to take the tests Most of the children join the nursery class at three, spending 20 minutes a day on

literacy, rising to an hour by the time they are 412. "We believe if they can learn to decode the alphabetic system early on, they can access meaning more quickly," Mrs Miskin said. "The children

respondences, so that when they leave the nursery they are already up to the level of a child from a professional home where parents have taught them that already. We teach them how to get into words and then introduce meaning."

A reading team of three classroom assistants, trained by Ms Miskin, helps each class during its literacy hour. The class divides into groups according to progress and the hour is split between word exercises and reading books.

The idea is to work through phonics quickly so they can move on to more complex spelling patterns, so when they come across words like daddy they learn to spell it with double d," Ms Miskin said. They learn lots of rhymes so their oral English is good as well."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scottish birds of prey given protection

Mer noth kille sick

The Government has stepped up its efforts to protect rare birds of prey including the golden eagle, peregrine falcon and os-

prey, in Scotland. The Scottish environment minister Lord Sewel announced yesterday that a further three mountain regions - the Cairngorms, Caenlochan and the Drumochter Hills - had been given the status of Special Protection Area. bringing the total to 77.

Wheelchair hit

An 83-year-old man was critically ill in North Tyneside General Hospital yesterday after his 4mph electric wheelchair was in collision with a Honda Civic as he drove it along the A1058 from Newcastle.

Fatal shot

The head greenkeeper at a golf club died in a shotgun accident in front of his son. David Spurden was culling rabbits at Ganton Golf. Club, near Scarborough: The death is not being treated as suspicious.

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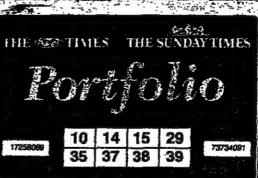
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Mercy for mother who killed her sick baby

guilty of killing her severely handicapped 14-month-old daughter by pulling out a breathing tube walked from court yesterday after she was given an 18-month prison sentence suspended for two years.

Julie Watts, 31, a former psychiatric nurse, had already been cleared by a jury at Manchester Crown Court of murder but was convicted on an alternative charge of manslaughter.

She sobbed in the dock as the judge. Mr Justice Sachs, told her that no civilised society could condone what she had done to her daughter Abigail, who was born with a devastating combination of handicaps.

However, Mr Justice Sachs said that the exceptional circumstances merited a suspended sentence. He said: "What you did was seriously wrong. If anyone thinks the sentence I am about to pass is any indication of approval of euthanasia or anything of that kind, they are in error."

Watts, sobbing violently, was led away by her family and her solicitor, Kristina Harrison, who said that she intended to appeal. Her client had been heartened by an overwhelming response from the public, who believed it was totally wrong to persecute her in this way

She said that Watts's reaction after her conviction was "shock that anybody could believe she could possibly have harmed her daughter Abigail. She has been totally devastated by the conviction.

The jury heard how Abigail was born with a rare skull deformity, called clover leaf syndrome, which left her brain-damaged, deformed, partially sighted, deaf and unable to breathe or, feed without help. She could not even close her eyes

Throughout the 14 months

A MOTHER who was found of her life, her mother was constantly at her side providing around-the-clock care in and out of hospital. She sat up with her daughter through the night, changing her dressing and, on at least one occasion, saved her life with emergency resuscitation.

The court was told that shortly before Abigail was to have returned home after a two-night stay in July 1995, staff at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital heard Watts crying for help.

The nurses found that the tracheotomy tube attached to Abigail's throat had been pulled out, the tapes securing having been untied.

Mr Justice Sachs explained to Watts, of Little Hulton. Greater Manchester, that the manslaughter verdict meant that the jury thought she intended to harm her daughter but not to kill her.

He told her: "You have been a caring and concerned mother. You have fought tooth and nail for your daughter. There was a burden of awesome proportions thrust upon you and there has been not one word of criticism of your care for Abigail throughout the

"Death resulted from what you did and no civilised society can condone that even though they may have a huge amount of sympathy for you.

"The suspended sentence is not intended as a cosmetic solution but to mark disapproval of what you did. I can only pass a suspended sentence these days if the cicumstances are exceptional.

Ms Harrison said that Watts had been heartened by the public's messages of support, not least those from other mothers who found them selves caring for a child in a similar plight.

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Descendants of Long Wolf walk behind his casket after the exhumation in London yesterday of the Sioux chief and Star, an Indian infant who also died in 1892

Chief returns to Black Hills of Dakota

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SIOUX chief began the journey back to his ancestral burial grounds in the Black Hills of Dakota yesterday, a century after he died in London while touring in

a wild west show.

The battle-scarred Long Wolf, who had ridden in "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West show, was exhumed from his grave at Brompton Cemetery, west London, to the beat of a single drum and the him was the body of 17-month-old Star, daughter of Ghost Dog, who died when she fell from a horse during a performance in London

Oglala Sioux tribe and their single casket will be taken to the burial grounds at Pine Ridge Reservation close to Wounded Knee, scene of a massacre in 1890 by the United States cavalry.

The casket, covered by a Sioux flag and the Stars and Stripes, was carried on a black cart pulled by two black horses. Behind, wearing feather bonnets and bright Indian lackets and blankets, walked relatives and a shaman. Long Wolf and Star were buried

by Cody in Brompton Cemetery



The casket is taken from Brompton Cemetery on the first stage of its journey to the burial grounds

among admirals and generals and the fallen soldiers of Wellington's Peninsular War. The 59-year-old chief was, according to family legend, one of the warriors who wiped out General Custer's 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. US forces later smashed the Sioux nation and forced survivors into reservations, but Long Wolf enlisted in Buffalo Bill's show rather than submit to

During performances at Earls Court, Long Wolf became ill and died. Before his death in 1892 he

asked for a picture of a wolf to be carved on his gravestone. Six Indians carried his coffin to the grave, for which Cody had paid

An Englishwoman, Elizabeth Knight, from Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, heard of the looking for the grave. She then tracked down his descendants. Yesterday John Black Feather, Long Wolf's great grandson, walked proudly behind the coffin.

Later the casket was taken to St

Loke's parish church near by for a service of thanksgiving that included a funeral dram beat and the chant of Dakota Sioux songs. More than 200 parishioners joined the ceremony, during which Wil-mer Mesteth, the tribal medicine

man, said prayers. John Black Feather said later: "I don't know how to thank our Long Wolf and Star." His wife, Judith, said: "It was a wonderful service and I am really glad it

happened."
Mrs Knight, who spoke during the service, said: "When I found the grave I made a promise that he would go home. I know Long Wolf longed to be at home at the foot of his beloved Black Hills." Long Wolf's family still owe

hundreds of pounds towards the cost of taking their ancestors back home. More than £12,000 was raised in Britain towards their exhumation and the funeral company gave its services and the Atlantic crossing free.

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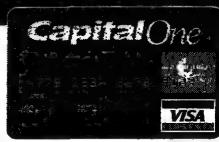
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Andrew Pierce looks back on the

shaky start to William Hague's

leadership of the Conservative Party

WILLIAM HAGUE marks his 100th day as Tory leader today but has ordered his staff not to lay on any celebrations. He could have saved his breath. None of them needed

to be told. While the Labour

leadership trumpeted Tony Blair's first 100 days in office the Tory party has ignored One Shadow Cabinet minister said yesterday: "I don't

think this is one anniversay we need to herald. There is far too much important work to Tory backbenchers agree. While the Prime Minister's

honeymoon has shown no sign of ending. Mr Hague has been subjected to criticism from backbench MPs and party activists over his reform But his credibility suffered

most damage over the accusa-tion that Tony Blair had exploited the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, for party

It all began so promisingly when Mr Hague surprised the

pundits to win the leadership election by a more decisive margin than had been predicted. Mr Hague, 36, proved adept at winning votes again when, against the odds, the Tories comfortably held Uxbridge in the first-by-election of the new Parliament. The Opposition leader also scored well at the dispatch box at Prime Minister's Question Time. When the House rose at

But the youngest Tory leader for 200 years has had a much more torrid time outside the bothouse of the Palace of Westminster. A string of unfortunate photo-opportunities has done much of the damage. While Margaret Thatcher's

the end of July Mr Hague was

earning favourable reviews.

handbag became the most enduring political symbol of the 1980s Mr Hague's first 100 days may be most closely associated with the baseball cap that made its debut at a

Despite having appalled the Tory old guard with his choice



The baseball hat that so upset the old guard, Mr Hague and his fiancee at Notting Hill and, in contrast, the official face of the Tory leader

referred to in every media interview, Mr Hague has no plans to stop wearing

An appearance at the Notting Hill carnival with Ffion Jenkins, his fiancee, in matching khaki outfits was also ridiculed by some press

ingham Palace denied his followed thick and fast. A picture of Mr Hague in a allegation that the Prime Minlifejacket inevitably led to ister had leaked details of comparisons between him and confidential discussions with the captain of a sinking ship. Days later the new leader of the Thatcherite Right was

Relations between Central Office and Mr Hague's private office deterioated sharply over who was to blame. The result was the resignation of munications director, Francis further.

More trouble lies ahead with the ballot on Mr Hague's leadership and proposed party reforms. Although 400,000 forms were distributed barely 100,000 have been returned. He is expected to win 90 per cent of the vote but many of his

turnout will undermine him

But it's not all bad. In a speech last night Mr Hague hailed one small positive benefit of the first 100 days: "There are today 24 more Conservative councillors than there were three months ago." Some of his critics would suggest that he is too easily pleased.

Parkinson warns of a bleak future

By NICHOLAS WATT

LORD PARKINSON warned the Tories yesterday that they faced a: bleak future" out of office unless they endorsed party reforms and broaden their membership.

The party chairman said that Tories must learn from their defeat because they were seen as "divided, out of touch, and arrogant". He added: "Unless we address these concerns. we face a long and unhappy period out of office.... Unless we look at ourselves with the same critical eyes that were cast upon us by so many electors in recent years we will not be able to begin to address the problem."

Lord Parkinson, writing in Parliamentary Review, said the mood at next month's conference would not be gloomy, but emphasised that May I had been a disaster, with many voting Labour when previously they would have never dreamt of doing so.

Tories to set up office network

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Tories are planning to set up a new network of offices across the country in the biggest reorganisation of the party since the war.

offices, Eight regional which were set up only five years ago by Sir Norman Fowler when he was party chairman, are to be closed with the loss of an undisclosed number of jobs. The party will replace them for the first time in its history with offices based on the county map of England. Wales, and Scotland. Each one will be manned by an agent who will be responsible for the co-ordination of polit-

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Loss-making constituency associations, with dwindling membership, will be encouraged to close and merge into the new county structure. Prosperous associations will operate independently of the new county hierarchy, which will report directly to Central

The first of the redundancy notices have already been

handed out at Central Office. The proposed changes, which are in the "green paper" for party reform which will be presented to the party conference next month, are described by Central Office officials as among the most important to the future of the

party.
William Hague, the party leader, in a recent speech declared: "Our regional structure needs to be refined. We need smaller regions that people can identify with and which reflect local county

Archie Norman, the party vice-chairman in charge of organisational reforms, has delivered the details of the proposed new structure. A Central Office task force headed by Mr Norman has concluded that only 30 per cent of the country is covered by the party machine. A party official said: "It is dire. The county structuré will ensure a uniform presence across the

Glasgow pride will not fade without a roar

By Magnus Linklater

LABOUR'S decision to crack down on council sleaze in Glasgow has split the city down the middle and forced a showdown between the reformers of new Labour and the last bastion of the party's old guard.

By suspending the entire nouncil leadership, including Pat Lally, the Lord Provost, the national executive in London has struck at the very heart of the city's powerbase. Not since the days when Militant was challenged in Liverpool has there been a political standoff to match it.

Mr Lally has refused to quit and is threatening legal action. His deputy, Alex Mosson, has served a writ and to fight his supension in the Court of Session. More of the nine ousted councillors are contemplating legal action. More seriously, there are

growing signs of anger in the city itself. Some have accused Labour of taking draconian action on the basis of random allegations that have vet to be proved. Unless the evidence produced is compelling, they say, there will be strong reaction against the way in which the city's reputation has been smeared.

The national executive's inquiry team has homed in on a range of charges: trips made by councillors, the use of the council's "common good" fund, the granting of political favours, a lack of accountability in administering the hospitality budget, and delays in preparing accounts. On the surface, they hardly sound like corruption on the grand scale - not enough to end the politicai careers of nine longserving councillors.

But this is about the use and abuse of power rather than the minor details of sleaze itself. Glasgow has been a Labour fieldom since 1951. With the creation of strathclyde Re-

gional Council in 1974, it became the centre of a local authority covering nearly half the population of Scotland, employing 85,000 people, with a budget of more than £2 billion, and an office in Brussels. From the economic disaster that followed the loss of its main industries - steel and shipbuilding - it transformed itself into the 1990 City of Culture.

Throughout most of this period Mr Lally and his cohorts were in charge, and Labour was happy to hail them as party heroes, saving than Liverpool. But with the trappings of success went a centralisation of power that overreached itself. It gave rise charges of "Tammany Hall" politics, and created deeply-divided factions within the council. Decisions were made on the say-so of a few powerful individuals. Patronage was extended and with-

held at will. Above all, the council stood for everything that new Labour detested. For Tony Blair, in particular, it symbolised the excesses and secretiveness of the old party he was pledged to purge. By the time he was elected. Glasgow's image had in any event begun to slip. sation had cut its financial base, and revealed budget deficits which led to wholesale reduction of services, closing of museums, axing of jobs. Instead of having to take on a united local party, he found himself confronting a power

base that was crumbling. No one doubts that Mr Blair will win this battle. But he will not do so without a fight. Glasgow's political leaders have been dealt a stunning and very public blow that has deeply damaged their reputations. There is nothing more dangerous in politics than

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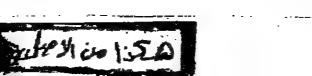
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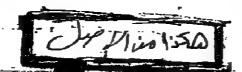
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Ashdown hails party watershed'

PADDY ASHDOWN hailed the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday as one of the most successful ever and "a genuine

watershed for the party.

Speaking to journalists as the conference drew to a close, the party leader acknowledged that he had not enjoyed an easy ride over his determination to work closely with the Government on some issues. But, he said, the party had proved that it would not be marginalised

We have discussed some very diffi-cult issues, particularly in relation to party strategy . . . It has been extremely successful in getting across to the wider public exactly what constructive opposition means."

However, the final conference session suggested that dissent will continue among party activists. A delegate from Cambridge, David Howarth, tried unsuccessfully to secure an emergency debate about Liberal Democrat links with Labour.

Mr Howarth, who wanted discussion of a motion that would have ruled out coalition with Labour for the lifetime of this Parliament, said: "We have heard a lot this week about where we are going, both inside the hall and outside. But as a conference we have not had a chance to

What we desperately need is some



Sir Ludovic Kennedy yesterday, leading the call for a change in the law

Lib Dems back review of law on euthanasia

THE Liberal Democrats yes-terday backed a review of the law that forbids doctors to help terminally ill patients to

conference in Eastbourne supported a controversial motion urging the Government to establish a royal commission on voluntary cuthanasia. The motion called for an investigation into the implications of a change in the law "to permit doctors to accede openly to repeated requests from suffering and terminally ill patients to die instead of having to help

them secretly as at present".

The party leader, Paddy
Ashdown, who did not vote on yesterday's motion, insisted afterwards that the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia would remain a matter of conscience for individual MPs. He said he was personally against it but revealed that his wife, Jane, took the opposite view.

Leading the calls for a royal commission and a change in law was the writer and broadcaster Sir Ludovic Kennedy. He said that modern Polly Newton hears a campaigner's

plea for legislation to allow

the terminally ill to 'cease

upon the midnight with no pain'

medicine helped people to live longer but also drew out the process of death.

"What it has not done for many of the dying is improve their quality of life. There are thousands of old people who have had enough of living. My mother was one of them."

Some were in uncontrollable pain and some suffered the "gradual disintegration" of mind and body. "What these people want, in the words of the great poet Keats, is to cease upon the midnight with no pain'. But, as the law stands, that is forbidden to them.

Sir Ludovic said a change in the law would end mercy killings of one member of a family by another. Opponents of the move argued that fam-

ilies of the ill and infirm could put pressure on doctors if they were fed up with caring for a relative or wanted an inheritance. "I ask those who believe that, do you seriously think that any group of British doctors would even consider helping someone to die other than on strictly medical

He quoted the Pope, who said in 1980 that suffering in the last stage of life was part of God's saving plan for humanity. "A view which I find mediaeval in its thinking and cruel in its lack of compassion."

grounds?"

Tim Pascall from Brussels said that, as a homosexual man, he had seen many friends die from Aids. Some had wanted to commit suicide towards the end but were too frail. "We grant the strong the right to take their own lives but deny it to the weak. Do we have that right? We must demand the freedom to die as

much as the freedom to live." Lesley O'Connell from Sutton said that she had lost many members of her family, including ber husband five years ago, so she did not fear death. "But I admit to fears about the manner of my dying. I want to have the right to choose. I don't wish to put my caring doctor at risk under the law as she is today, and I wouldn't wish my beloved daughter to suffer those additional burdens of pain and guilt should that decision have

Opposing the motion, Doreen Darby from Wiltshire said doctors already did what they thought was best for the patient. "I fear the slippery slope which we may go down if we change the law."

to be hers."

David Rogers, chairman of the Liberal Democrat Christian Forum, was booed when

Democrats have this

week shown the limits to

their often expressed enthusi-

asm for local government — when this clashes with their

Local government is neglect-

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debate. Hardly anyone any longer disputes the desirabil-

ity of reviving local authorities

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Tories like David Willetts and

tional reform The Voice of the People) now urge a regenera-

own self-interests.

GPs, who control part of their own budgets, might be more inclined to support the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia. Much of our health service these days is controlled by the decisions of cost and funding," he said. "We all know that it would be easier to help somebody, more cost-effective, if we

helped them go away." James Fitton from Oldham East and Saddleworth said one of the strongest reasons for opposing capital punishment was the unacceptability of killing even one innocent person. Just as it would be a scandal for even one innocent person to be put to death, so it would be a scandal for even one person to be put to death when not mentally competent to make that choice, and for even one person to be put to



death who, as it turns out, has a perfectly curable disease."

John Thomson from

Devizes said: "This party should beware of pessing a conscience motion which will divide Liberal Democrat from Liberal Democrat. It will cause considerable problems for some of us if it goes ahead."

Later, the campaigning roup Healthcare Opposed to Euthanasia dismissed the vote as "an empty victory" for the pro-euthanasia lobby. chairman, Dr Andrew Fergusson, said: "To set up a royal commission would be a waste of time and taxpayers' money only three years after a House of Lords select committee unanimously rejected any sug-gestion of changing the law." A Downing Street spokes-man sald the Government did

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tion of local democracy. The Government has already announced some minor 33.6bps Voice Fax/Modern relaxations in controls on local authorities and is consulting Lexmark 1000 Colour Inkjet Printer on more important ones, such as the end of compulsory Joystick & Headset competitive tendering. There Windows '95 is, inevitably, a "review" of central-local government rela-☑ Over £300 of Microsoft Software tions. There are two related problems — the democratic MMX™ Brand Software legitimacy of local authorities and their financial indepen-☑ Home Entertainment Software dence. They now raise so little

of their resources in taxation under their control that there is a weak connection between voters and town hall decisions. Voters will only care, and turn out, when they see that their councillor has real power. But is the Treasury willing to reverse the habits of more

than 20 years and allow local authorities freedom over levels of taxation and expenditure, as happens in most other countries? And, equally, are there sufficient political checks on councils dominated by one party? After the recent allegations about misconduct and incompetence by councillors in Doncaster, Paisley, Glasgow, Hackney and several other Labour-run authorities, few would want to give councils more power unconditionally.

Any loosening of controls on local councils must be accompanied by measures to ensure that greater powers will not be abused. Tony Blair has responded imaginatively with his proposal for directly elected mayors, starting in London, as a step towards restoring civic identification and pride. In his idiosyncratic way Ken Livingstone showed what can

local democracy capital in the early 1980s, and the new mayor would have greater legitimacy. That underrated old owl Sir Norman Powler has shifted Tory policy to accept an elected mayor for London, though the party is

against an assembly. But the Liberal Democrats voted near-unanimously against the idea at their conference. Paul Farthing, the party's London region chairman, argued that "the presidential-style model proposed Chris Patten fin a recent review of Lord Alexander's thoughtful book on constituby Labour risks the paralysis of government we often witness between the US President and Congress. The Govern-ment's proposal is a recipe for the corruption and jobs-forthe boys already so well practised by Labour in our a major cities." That is self-serving nonsense. A directly elected mayor should be the reverse of cronyism. He or she would be elected in a campaign which would attract far more public

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interest than any council con-test and would have a far greater mandate than any borough leader. But the Lib Dems, of course, control some London boroughs and are wary of losing any power.

Labour can be equally short-sighted. There is now no effective opposition to the party ruling groups on a large number of councils in the big industrial cities and towns of the Midlands and North, Strathchyde and South Wales. The obvious way to introduce a formal check is by proportional representation — as has been recognised in the proposals for a Scottish parliament and in discussions in the Scottish Labour Party about introducing PR for local government. However, in the latest issue of New Statesman, John Prescott underlines his opposition to PR for local as well as for central government. But it is no good relying on opposition from within Labour groups. If local democracy is to be revived, there has to be a credible system of checks and balances.

PETER RIDDELL

Last Napoleon reigns on screen

Prince Imperial speared by

the Zulus becomes cult hero

THE man born to be Emperor Napoleon IV, who was killed by Zulu warriors in 1879 while serving with the British Army. has become a most unlikely cult figure in modern France, the subject of books, museums and now a forthcoming film.

Louis Napoleon, the Prince Imperial and only son of Napoleon III, volunteered as an official observer in the Zulu War after his father was deposed and exiled to Britain. after the disastrous Franco-Prussian War. The Prince was just 23 when a Zulu spear put an end to his life and dashed the hopes of an imperial

The unfortunate young man has hitherto merited hardly a mention in French history books, but the recent rehabilitation of Napoleon III's reputation has led to a resurgence of interest in the tragic fate of his son, "the Little Prince".

Terry Langman, the film producer, is at work on a joint ranco-British movie, with a budget of £30 million, entitled The Last Napoleon, which will be shot partly on location in South Africa. Olivier Martinez has been tipped to take the lead role as the Prince, with Catherine Deneuve expected to play his mother, the redoubtable Empress Eugenie. who lived on in England until

Several books on the Prince's life have been published this year, most recently Napoleon IV by Alain Frèrejean. Hermès, the Paris fashion designers, are under pressure to grant public access to its collection of artefacts relating to the Prince's life. including such sentimental items as a three-wheeled wooden horse, on which the heir to the imperial throne used to ride round the Tuileries Gardens as a child.

The Hermès collection, housed in premises on the Rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré, was started by Emile Hermes between the wars and then added to by his successors.

The Prince's death, although partly the result of his own impetuosity, was a source of embarrassment to the British Government and marked one of the least heroic mo-



The French are suddenly seeing merits in Napoleon III and his unfortunate son, writes Ben Macintyre

nasty conflict. The Prince was killed near the Tshotshosi River by a party of Zulus, having been abandoned by his army reconnaissance escort, most of whom, it is alleged. had simply run away, with one Lieutenant Brenton Carey heading the retreat on

Louis Napoleon, who was wearing a British army uniform although not technically a soldier, attempted to catch up with his companions, but was brought down by a Zulu

6 Zulus have conquered our generals and ended a great

European dynasty 🤊

assegai. Pulling the spear from his leg, the Prince tried to powered and stabbed 14 times. Among other items in the Hermès collection is the leather travelling bag, given to the Prince by his father, which he carried with him when he set sail from Southampton with British troops bound for South Africa on February 28, 1879. The death of the Prince, on

June I, came just six months after the famous battle of Rorke's Drift, which was to form the basis for the film Zulu. Queen Victoria herself donated a stone cross to mark where he fell.

Two of the soldiers who died with him were posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, notwithstanding their specific orders to keep the Prince out of harm's way. His body was taken to Britain, and placed in the imperial family's mausoleum at St Michael's Benedict-

The image of Napoleon III. once considered a blundering buffoon, has undergone major historical refurbishment in recent years, and a group of historians, writers and politicians has launched a campaign to have the remains of the imperial family brought back to France from Britain.

One of Napoleon III's most prominent defenders has been Philippe Séguin, new leader of the Gaullist party. In a recent book M Seguin argued that France's last sovereign, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, had been sadly misun-derstood and cited his efforts to modernise France by building roads and railways and encouraging trade and

In an introduction to M Frèrejean's book, betraying what might be seen as a veiled yearning for the return of the imperial dynasty. M Séguin wrote that the account of the Prince's life and untimely death "shows that history is not only just a series of huge monuments, but also the fruit of great opportunities seized, and sometimes also of great opportunities lost".

Napoleon III died in London in 1873 after a gall stone operation, six years before the rather more dramatic death of his son.

A small grove of trees, planted on the orders of the distraught Empress Eugenie. still grows on the spot where her son's life, and the direct Napoleonic succession, was abruptly and unpleasantly

Disraeli was said to have observed, on hearing of the Prince's death: "A remarkable people, these Zulus. They have conquered our generals, converted our bishops and put an end to a great European



Eugène Louis Jean Joseph Napoleon, the Prince Imperial, subject of a £30 million film. Hitherto he merited hardly a mention in French history books

Public warms to, Chirac as Right sticks knife in

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ing but his political isolation dent Chirac this week headed into the French provinces in a bid to claw back some of the credibilty he lost after the Left swept to power in June.

Encouraged by a poll showing that most French voters want him to complete his seven-year term, to 2002, the conservative President has been doing what he does best pressing the flesh in la France profonde and taking a few well-aimed pot shots at the left-wing Government, his uneasy partners in power.

M Chirac's two-day visit to Troyes in Champagne was his first provincial tour since legislative elections ousted the Gaullist-led Government and forced him to "cohabit" with Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister.

Many of M Chirac's former political allies have started to turn their backs on a leader many predict will become a lame duck. The President's during a weekend meeting of the three most powerful fig-ures on the Right Philippe Seguin, the leader of Chirac's Gaullist RPR party, Edouard Balladur, who challenged him for the presidency in 1995, and François Leotard, head of the UDF centre-right party.

"The Right begins to imag-ine its future without Chirac," declared a headline in Le Monde. Like the Conservatives in Britain, the French Right is casting around for issues to rally its despondent troops, and M Chirac, once their figurehead, is now the

The ambitious M Léotard openly criticised M Chirac's failure to stem unemployment and his miscalculation in calling early elections. "The people in 1997 condemned the clumsiness of the dissolution and the confusion of powers," he said, adding, still more pointedly, that the President's powers to dissolve parliament should be curailed and the seven-year presidential mandate reduced.

M Seguin. who is likely to make his own presidential bid in 2002, spoke darkly of bringing "greater intelligence

WITH his popularity increas government. Following this apparent show of disloyalty. other Gaullists rallied around the President, insisting that M Chirac, a political survivor who has often been written off in the past, is still the Right's most vital's asset.

Charles Pasqua, the tough former Interior Minister, said that excluding the President would be a "colossal mistake"

This week M Chirac has seemed more like a political candidate than a head of state and his first provincial tour since the election was specifically designed to show that he can still draw the crowds and put the heat under his political opponents, whatever the demands of cohabitation.

In a direct swipe at the employment projects of Martine Aubry, the Socialist minister who has pledged to create 350,000 jobs in the public sector, M Chirac observed: "It is private enter-



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in £375.(ii)

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Chirac stung by the disloyalty of allies

employment. All the rest is

The broader French public seems to find the President's increasingly feisty stance not only acceptable, but admirable. Opinion polls suggest that, paradoxically, M Chirac's reputation has risen sharply since having his wings clipped.

☐ Moscow: President Yeltsin yesterday awarded M Chirac Russia's highest honour, the Country, First Class, at the start of a state visit celebrating warm ties between their two-

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Brazil finds \$4m Nazi gold in bank

A FORTUNE in gold watches, jewellery and gold teeth and fillings, deposited in a Brazilian hank safe by a reclusive German pawnbroker who died 14 years ago, could be the first evidence to prove long-held suspicions that Brazil was a haven for Nazi loot.

The \$4 million (£2.5 million) haul has attracted the attention of a commission made up of Jewish community leaders, judicial authorities and lawyers. The commission is investigating Nazi war criminals who fled here during and after the Second World War, who are believed to have transferred millions into accounts at the Banco do Brasil, which was formerly Brazil's central bank.

Albert Blume, believed by some to have been a Germanborn Nazi spy sent to Brazil in 1038, was buried in a poor man's grave in São Paulo. After the war he is said to have set up a pawnbroking business in a district inhabited by German immigrants and act-

ed as an agent for Nazis who smuggled stolen Jewish gold into Brazil.

A loner and an outcast from his family, his case might have gone unnoticed had it not been for Maragarida Blume, 95, an aunt who embarked on a legal

battle to get her hands on the fortune he left behind. Historians and investiga-



Mengele: lived in Brazil for II years

tors say the safe is filled with hundreds of gold fillings, gold bars and ornate jewellery. The investigating commission has issued legal demands to analyse the contents of the safe.

"We have asked for the opening of the safe and want to analyse the golden items carefully. Lists of what is in there have been published, but we need to confirm and see whether some of the pieces can be identified," said Henry Sobel, the Chief Rabbi in Brazil, who also heads the commission.

"It is the first tangible evidence to come to light, but we feel it is just he tip of the iceberg," he said, "We know that the Brazilian Government at the time sympathised with fleeing Nazis and collaborated with criminals who wanted to deposit the property of European Jews in banks

The Government of President Cardoso set up the commission and is keen to fulfil demands from the country's 150,000-strong Jewish com-munity that details of Nazi funds in Brazilian banks be unearthed.

Nazi-hunters say more than \$15 million of stolen Jewish wealth lies in dormant ac-counts. Senhor Cardoso has in recent weeks ordered the declassification of bank and ministry archives which might further the search. The commission, with the help of the World Jewish Congress, has identified 14 dormant Nazi accounts.

Brazil also played a key role in "Operation Odessa", the German plan to smuggle Nazis into South America.

Among the Nazi fugitives in Brazil was Josef Mengele, the so-called "Angel of Death", who performed "medical" experiments on Jews in Auschwitz. He lived and worked as a doctor in the southern state of Parana for 11 years. Mengele is believed to have died in São Paulo in 1979, but the Brazilian press did not report the fact until the late 1980s.



John Lennon, whose peace message brought him to the FBI's attention when he moved to New York

FBI documents lift veil on Lennon's subversive parrot

THE FBI has released secret records about its surveillance of John Lennon which reveal that the former Beatle's group of anti-war activists once had a parrot that shrieked "Right On!" and

tried to teach it obscenities. All but ten pages of the agency's 300-page dossier on the singer were handed to Jon Wiener, a California history professor and Lennon biograoher, after a 14-year court battle, along with \$204,000 (£127.000) in compensation to cover his legal fees.

Mr Wiener, the author of the 1984 book Come Together: John Lennon in His Time, says the documents prove the FBI knew Lennon's anti-Vietnam War activities were non-violent when it investigated him in 1971-72. He plans to press the agency to disclose the final ten pages of its dossier under the Freedom of Information Act, though it says that would compromise national security.

"All Lennon was saying was 'Give peace a chance'." Mr Wiener, 53, a teacher at the University of California at

Irvine, told The New York Times. "The FBI is supposed to catch criminals, not stop people from criticising the

President." Lennon plunged into the anti-Vietnam War movement when he moved to New York in August 1971 and became friends with such activists as Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman. He even considered doing a concert tour to benefit

The FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, began investigating Lennon that same year, having received a tip that he was going to contribute \$75,000 to group planning to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention, at which President Nixon was renominated for a second term.

The agency kept up its surveillance while the US Immigration Service tried to deport Lennon over his having admitted cannabis possession in Britain in 1968.

Lennon never went to the convention and the FBI closed the case "in view of the subject's inactivity in revolutionary activities".

Senior UN official invented seminars in £375,000 fraud

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A SENIOR United Nations official has been convicted of cheating the organisation of \$600,000 (£375,000) in expenses for fictional guests at non-existent seminars.

Gustavo Soler Artekona, a Cuban-American who worked at the UN Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) in Geneva, was given an 18-month suspended sentence by a Swiss court for what one UN source described as "a beautiful scheme"

Although the UN is plagued by fraud, the case is unusual in that it ended in a successful prosecution by a local court and the recovery of about two thirds of the stolen money. Under the terms of the judgment, the balance will have to be made good.

MIT Soler Artekona Worked for many years in the trade promotion section of Unctad, a bastion of Third World influence whose very existence has come into question since the creation of the new World Trade Organisation. He held the rank of P-5, the most senior professional-level post in the UN system, and qualified as a "certifying officer" for finan-

According to UN sources. Mr Soler Artekona's responsibilities included organising training seminars for trade representatives from developing countries. With lax supervision, he was able to stage dozens of fake seminars over five or six years.

He would draw up a list of fictional people he planned to invite, arrange their travel. accommodation and per-diem payments and then bill

The fraud was discovered only when his supervisor retired and was replaced by a manager who realised he was submitting bogus documents.

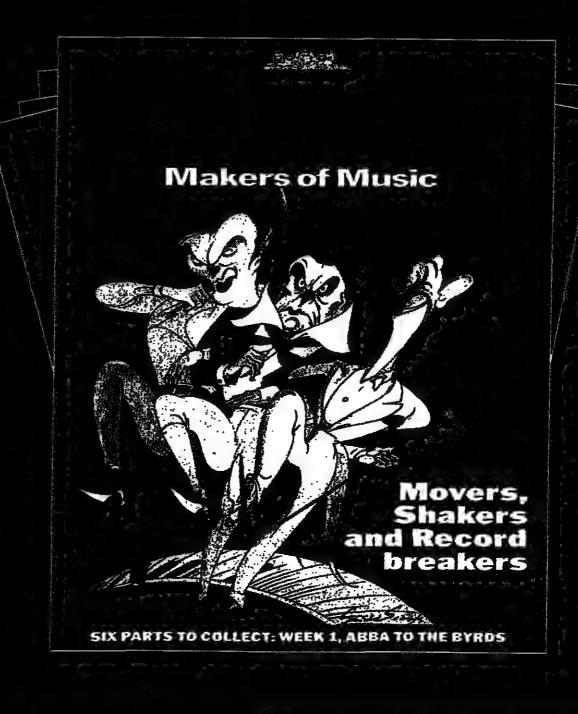
A recently created UN watchdog launched an investigation and Mr Soler Artekona was sacked in December for "gross mismanagement".

Karl Paschke, the German who heads the UN's investigative arm, decided that the offence was so serious that it demanded criminal prosecution and the UN waived Mr Soler Artekona's diplomatic immunity so he could be brought to justice by Swiss authorities.

Herr Paschke's department continues to investigate numerous complaints of misconduct, including the disappearance of \$3.9 million (£2.4 million) from a filing cabinet during the UN peacekeeping operation in Somalia.

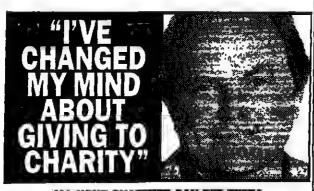
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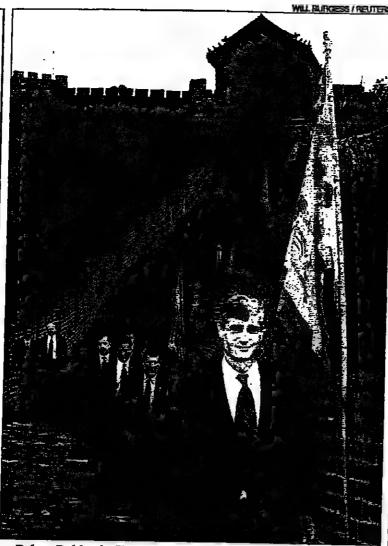
opposition, and amid much controversy. Nasa last night decided to blast another American into orbit to replace Michael Foale, the British-born astronaut on board the beleaguered Mir space station (Tom Rhodes writes).

Atlantis, the US space shuttle, was

Atlantis, the US space shuttle, was scheduled to leave Cape Canaveral last night, carrying seven crew members. They include David Wolf, 4l, who will be the sixth American astronant to live on Mir, where he will spend four months.

It had taken until yesterday for Nasa officials to give the green light to the programme after last-minute safety reviews concluded that the ageing Russian station was indeed secure. Thomas Stafford, a former Apollo and Gemini astronaut charge of the review, said: "The systems on board the Mir present no more risks than they have for the previous flights."

In a statement, David Goldin, the Nasa Administrator, said: "We move forward not only because it is safe, but for the important scientific and human experience we can gain only from Mir." His announcement came after weeks of speculation about whether the United States would decide to collect Mr Foale without sending a replacement after the numerous problems encountered by the station. In the past seven months Mir, which is already more than II years old, has suffered a fire, a collision that almost forced the crew to abandon ship, and repeated computer crashes.



Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, takes a break from an official visit to Beijing at the Great Wall of China yesterday

Kennedy blackmail , papers 'were faked'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AN AMERICAN television network has revised a sizzling documentary about President Kennedy because papers thought to prove he had made a \$1 million deal with Marilyn Monroe to conceal their rumoured love affair were

ABC News had planned to release a series based on The Dark Side of Camelot, a Kennedy expose by Seymour Hersh, the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative writer, which is to be published soon.

Mr Hersh, who gained fame for uncovering the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, has been working for four years on the latest book with which he hoped to render the myriad other tomes of Kennedy scandal obsolete. Drawing on a cache of secret papers provided by the son of a long-dead New York lawyer, Mr Hersh was to offer the strongest evidence yet for rumours involving the seamier side of Camelot.

Among these were the an-



Kennedy: suspected of hush-money deal with Monroe

nulment of Kennedy's supposed first marriage, his links to Sam Giancana, the notorious mobster, and his agreement to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in hush money to Monroe, his Hollywood lover.

At the eleventh hour, however, Mr Hersh has concluded that many of the documents are fakes. He has tried to play down the controversy but ABC

News, which had hoped to sweep the November ratings with the documentary, has been left with a highly embarrassing dilemma.

Last night the network was featuring a report on the "bizarre story of the Kennedy documents", asserting that some, particularly those involving the former President and Monroe, were forgeries.

Appearing on the film was

Lawrence Cusack, the original source of the documents, who was to argue their authenticity. "I thought we were on the same team," Mr Cusack, who claims his father was an informal Kennedy adviser, said yesterday.

yesterday.

He added that he had discovered about 300 pages of Kennedy papers in private files after his father's death in 1985 and had them authenticated by experts before agreeing, ten years later, to let Mr Hersh use them.

The notes included comments, apparently in Kennedy's hand, which were thought to refer to the deal, "No mention", seemingly a cryptic reference to himself, was written next to "No mention R", presumably Robert Kennedy, and "No mention SG", assumed to be Mr.

On a handwritten sheet was a list of the Kennedy siblings with the amounts they would pay towards the blackmail settlement

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Karadzic arrest is imminent, Nato says

FROM TOM WALKER
IN SARAJEVO

DIPLOMATS and military sources in Sarajevo are again warning Radovan Karadzic, the indicted war crimes suspect, that a military snatch operation to arrest him is imminent.

The international community insists that this time it means business. Bolstered by declarations from the six-nation Contact Group on Bosnia coming from New York, the language in Sarajevo has a

new-found menace to it.

"The clock started ticking for indicted war criminals several weeks ago and their time is up," said. Duncan Bullivant, spokesman for the Office of the High Representative, the body overseeing the civilian implementation of the Dayton peace accord. Mr Bullivant said the members of the Contact Group — America, Russia, Britain, France, Italy and Germany — were "building for the big one". Asked when exactly the clock

Vojisoav Seselj, the radical nationalist whose party has made large gains in the Serbian elections, called for a coalition government comprising the country's four largest parties: his nationalists would join with Slobodan Milosevic's Socialists the Committee of the service o

started ticking, he reaffirmed that the SAS operation in June, in which one war crimes suspect was killed and another arrested, signalled the watershed between rhetoric

Mr Milosevie's wife, Myra, and the moderates of Vul.

Drashovic.

and action.

There has been a marked increase in activity from Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) in Bosnia in the past week, particularly around Pale and the route north towards the border with Serbia itself. Sfor officials have admitted stepping up patrols as a "preventative measure" against the Karadzic-inspired mob violence that is now a common feature throughout eastern Bosnia.

Despite pressure from the Contact Group, however, the Karadzic operation remains in the balance pending elections in Republika Srpska. Now scheduled for November 15, Western capitals are hoping that these will reaffirm the decline in support for Dr Karadzic and reinstall Biljana Plavsic as undisputed President in a poll to be held on December 7.

WORLD SUMMARY

Millionaire is found murdered

A missing millionaire has been found stabbed to death on the banks of New York's Hudson River within sight of the floating restaurant he owned (James Bone writes).

Nelson Gross, 65, a former Republican politician, vanished a week ago after withdrawing \$20,000 (£12,400) from a bank. A former waiter and two friends have been arrested for the garder

TWA jet theory

New York: Crash investigators suspect an electrical joit caused by crossed wires might have brought down TWA Flight 800, killing all 230 on board, by igniting furnes in its empty central fuel tank.

Seen and heard

Sydney: Confession rooms and boxes in Australia are to have glass viewing panels as part of moves to counter child abuse scandals that have rocked the nation's Roman Catholic Church. (AFP)

Rao trial begins

Delhi: An Indian court began the trial of P. V. Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister, by bringing formal bribery charges against him and others in a vote-buying case, court officials said. (Reuters)

Separate bids

Blenheim: A vasectomy was the prize in this New Zealand town's charity auction last year. This year it is offering a divorce — but the offer must be taken up before the end of 1999. (Reuters)

Crash inquiry Delhi: A Kazakhstan Ibon

Delhi: A Kazakhstan Ilyushin 76, which collided head-on near here last year with a Saudi Boeing 747, has been blamed by an inquiry for the world's worst mid-air collision, in which 349 died. (AFP)

Little feat

Bucharest: Vanda Rotariu, a Romanian who, like her husband Costel, is a Bucharest circus dwarf, has given birth to a standard-sized baby boy, already almost half as tall as his 3ft 3in mother. (AFP)

Vietnam's choice

Hanoi: The Vietnamese National Assembly appointed Phan Van Khai, 63, a popular southern reformer who stood unopposed, as Prime Minister, completing a leadership reshuffle. (Reuters)

German parties seek to break tax deadlock

Frankfurt: The German Government met opposition leaders last night in a last-ditch attempt to break the deadlock over social tax reforms, which are regarded as crucial to encouraging investment and job creation (Deborah Collcutt

The parliamentary conciliation committee of the government-dominated lower house, the Bundestag, and the Opposition-dominated upper house, the Bundesrat, held talks in Bonn after the collapse of negotiations in July, which resulted in the two sides blaming each other for the failure to reach a compromise.

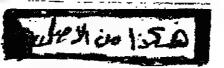
It now looks unlikely that agreement will be reached soon, although yesterday's Bild said the coalition is offering a new way of imposing limited tax cuts next year.

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Tribute to nine who 'changed America'

PRESIDENT CLINTON yes-terday held open the doors of Little Rock High School to the Little Rock Nine, who broke the school's colour bar 40 years ago backed by 1,000 federal paratroops with fixed

scene in his home town, Mr Clinton said that the courage of those nine black children throughout one of the bitterest showdowns in the history of civil rights had "changed the course of our country forever". Gesturing at the nine, now in their fifties. Mr Clinton said: Forty years ago they climbed these steps, through that door, and moved our nation."

But he issued a warning that America was now at risk of bringing back racial divisions, mounting a passionate apppeal not to give up the idea integration.

"Far too many communities are all-white, all-black, all-Latino, all-Asian, Today children of every race walk through the same door, but then they walk through different halls. they sit in different classrooms, they eat at different tables, they even sit in different parts of the bleachers at the football game."

For Mr Clinton, the anniversary was the highlight of In a continuing war on racism, President Clinton has hailed the courage of black children who defied bigotry and moved a nation, reports Bronwen Maddox

his campaign to heal America's racial gulfs, one of the loudest themes of his second term. Like many whites of his generation, he said, he never shared a classroom with black Americans until he went to college. He attacked the Republican-backed trend towards reversing affirmative minorities gain places in education as "slamming shut the doors of higher education on a

new generation". His speech echoes several recent attempts by Southern politicians to recast a scene of past bigotry and violence as a turning point. He urged Americans not to brood on the sins of our parents" but to focus "on the success of our children". He added: "We must not replace the tyranny of segregation with the tragedy of low expectations".

To a standing ovation, he concluded: "There is still discrimination in America, and it is wrong, and we have to keep

our voices but with our laws, and we have to engage each other in it".

As the applause swelled, the Little Rock Nine walked up the steps, in contrast to the taunts and jeers of four decades ago. Ernest Green, one of the nine, now with greying hair and glasses, said he had never dreamed how hard the integration would be.

With the naiveté of youth we still hoped that maybe, just maybe, when we got to the front door we would be met with openness instead of opposition. Unfortunately, that was not the case." To a silent crowd, he added:

"The larger community immediately began assaulting our character, our bodies, in attempts to suffocate our spirit, to drive us back from where we came. I believe now, as I did then, they didn't really know us.

In the battle of Little Rock, when Mr Clinton was 11, President Eisenhower took on white racist Orval Faubus.



Ernest Green and Melba Beals back yesterday in the school where they made civil rights history 40 years ago Beals, was chased by a white

Governor of Arkansas, who had pledged never to let black children enter the schools. On September 4, in defiance of a Supreme Court ruling to integrate the schools, Faubus called out the National Guard, prompting Eisenhower to send two battalions of the IOIst

Airborne Division.Despite winning the battle, the black students felt they might have lost the war, under an onslaught of jeers and physical attacks in the weeks that followed. One had acid thrown in her face and scald-

violent incidents abated, harassment continued for months. Whites trod on the heels of the black students. One white girl who shared her books with blacks was stoned by her classmates,

warning that white segregationists had put a bounty of \$10,000 (£6,250) on her head. One of the Nine, Melba Yesterday she said it was no

gang carrying ropes and feared they would lynch her.

She later fled to a Quaker

family in California after a

As many pointed out yester-day, Little Rock still provides a powerful lesson in the racial divisions still scarring America. Seven out of ten white residents live in all-white neighbourhoods. Today Central High's student body is two thirds black,

we're celebrating is the second

phase of a war. The battle will not be won, she said.

"until we all can see equal and

be seen as equal".

although whites dominate the high-achieving "honours" classes. The buildings, once called "one of the most beautiful high schools in America". are dilapidated. The sur-rounding neighbourhood, once white middle-class, is now mainly inhabited by poor black families, and at night

plagued with gangs. Mr Green, a longtime friend of Mr Clinton, and now an investment hanker, said he thought the events of Central High had been crucial in forming the President's commitment to improving race relations. "He has always expressed real concern that he could not understand the hostilities and the violence that

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Memo on Clinton funds gives hope to Republicans

By Bronwen Maddox

A NEW disclosure of internal White House memos gave the Republicans a ray of hope yesterday that the struggling nvestigations into the murk of Democratic fundraising would finally strike their pres-

idential quarry.
"BC will have breakfast to raise \$", says the note from Harold Ickes, former White House deputy chief of staff, in one of the earliest documents showing the President's cen-

tral role in fundraising.

Republicans hope that evidence like this will finally persuade Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, to appoint an independent prosecutor. Party leaders believe they won a minor victory in provoking her current review into whether it was illegal for President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore to make fundraising

calls from the White House. The White House, confronted with the disclosures by the Associated Press agency, confirmed late on Wednesday that the Clintons hosted at least ten breakfasts or lunches in 1994 in the executive residence.

But some senior Republicans were holding out little hope in private for the latest congressional inquiry, which called its first three witnesses this week but may already be

The new House of Representatives committee briefly lured Washington attention away from the Senate's threemonth-old investigation, which has so far failed to find any seriously incriminating



ickes: note disclosed breakfasts for cash

details, despite hours of testimony. But the inquiry by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee has all the makings of a secondrate sequel, released before the main show has ended its run.

The unwieldy 44-member House panel is already disintegrating into partisan scrapping over whether statements taken from 48 witnesses should be made public. California's Henry Waxman, the senior Democrat on the panel. lost his battle to force the release of the documents, but claimed that they proved the search had been fruitless.

Like the Senate, the House has also failed to get co-operation from more than 50 key witnesses, while the few who will speak have already been thoroughly interrogated.

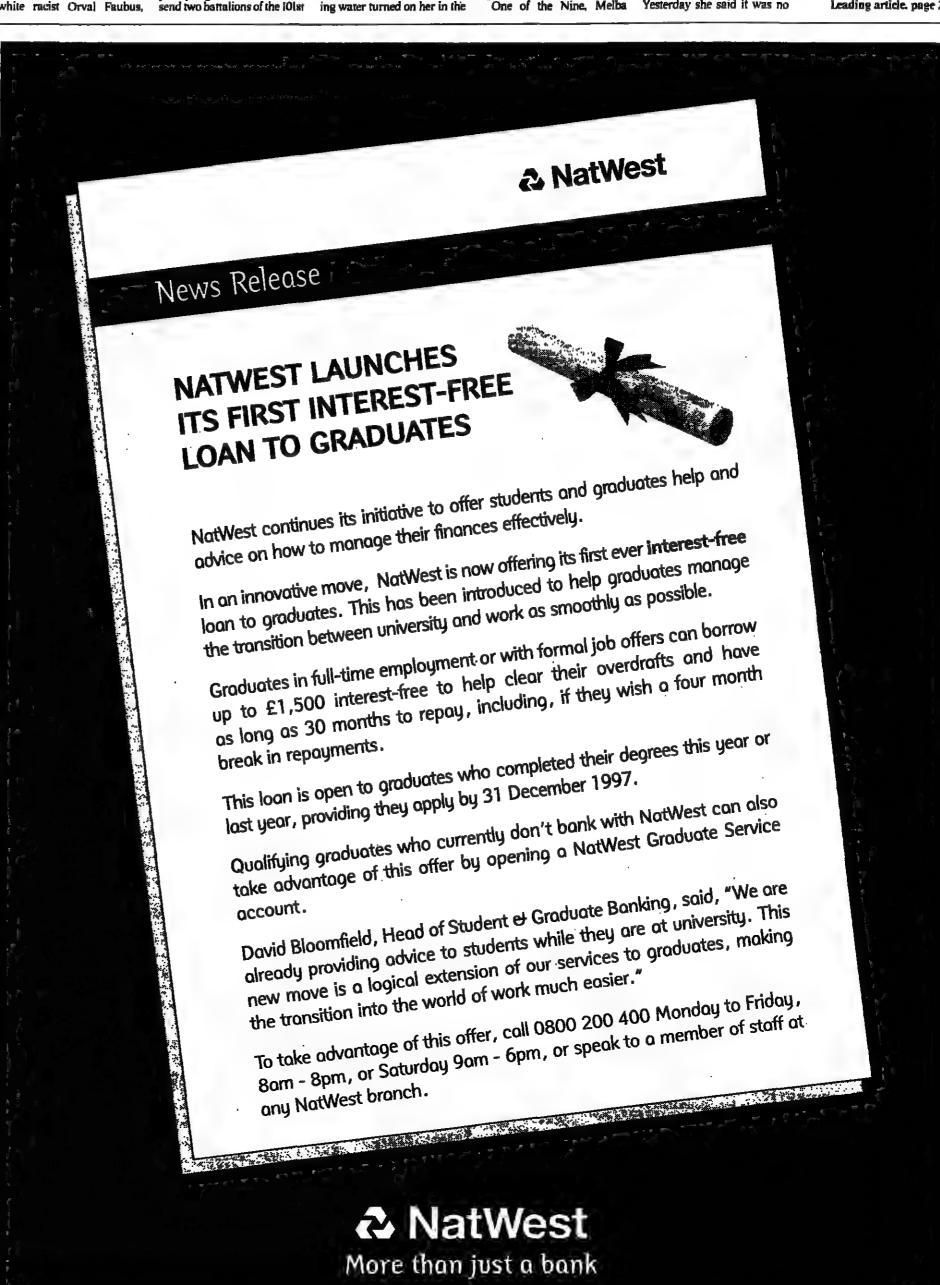
Republican leaders now even emerge from months of scrutiny as a hero, not a villain. In private, they credit threatening to keep the Senate in session until it agreed to debate a campaign finance reform Bill.

Turning the tables on its congressional termenters, the White House will now claim it has the moral high ground, and that the Republicans are blocking popular reforms. Yesterday Dick Armey, the

House majority leader, also began drawing up plans for similar legislation, denying that he had been bounced into it by the President's threat. Just weeks ago, it was widely expected that both houses would quietly sidestep moves to reform the fundraising rules which have led to the most expensive elections in American history.

An earlier account of the breakfasts was reported by the Los Angeles Times. "Absolutenot," said Gerald McGowan, a lawyer, when asked whether Mr Clinton asked him for money at a breakfast in June 1994.

Six days later McGowan wrote a \$35,000 cheque that went to the Democratic National Committee's healthcare fund. He said that he did not even know his money had gone to the healthcare fund.



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Experts fear

fire haze may blanket huge area of Asia for months

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN JAKAJITA

THE haze of pollution choking much of South-East Asia is an international catastrophe and could last for months, independent experts in the Indonesian capital said yesterday.

President Suharto, acknowledging the seriousness of the situation, declared the haze, which has enveloped much of the region for two months, a "national disaster" and ordered all of the country's four million civil servants to help to

While the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said yesterday that up to 1.7 million acres of forest were alight, more than double the figure announced earlier this week, government ministers revised their estimates downwards to slightly more than 200,000 acres. Environmental groups say that plantation groups clearing and burning huge tracts of land to plant commercial crops are responsible for the smoke enveloping much of

The situation has been worsened because much of Indonesia is suffering its worst drought in 50 years as a result of the effects on weather of an El Niño system.

Despite the belated efforts to out out the fires, the haze appears to be spreading. Hoteliers as far north as the Thai resort island of Phuket, 900 miles from the nearest fires in south Sumatra or Kalimantan in Borneo, said they were now enveloped by the grimy smog. A Thai Airways plane was forced to divert from Phuket to another airport. Air pollution was double the legal safety limit in nine Thai provinces.

The haze has also blanketed Malaysia, Singapore and parts of the Philippines.

In the centre of Kuala Lumpur, firefighters perched on 150ft cranes sprayed water on the elegant Moorish-style High Court building to cut through the blanket of hazy pollution. The building is op-

make all the difference.



A photograph taken by the Royal Australian Air Force on a relief mission shows smoke from fires in Indonesia blanketing the eastern highlands of Papua New Guinea, which is already gripped by drought

posite Merdeka Square, a patch of green where Malaysia declared independence 40 years ago. Firemen also showered the capital from atop several skyscrapers in the

Dr Syed Baber Ali, president of WWF Malaysia, said the haze was "now so widespread it is an international catastrophe going well beyond the borders of Indonesia". He admitted that the scale of the crisis was so great that he did not know it would be resolved. "The question is how to put the fires out, and the answer is we

An environmental officer at a Western embassy in Jakarta said the full extent of the crisis was unknown because it was not clear if thousands of square miles of peat under the burning forests had caught fire. "If all the peat catches fire, then the haze could last for months and months," she said. "It is very difficult to put peat fires out." She blamed the Indonesian Government for

the crisis. "They have allowed the problem to get out of hand. They have got millions of dollars in their reforestation budgets, so it is not as if they are short of funds. They just don't seem to be that bothered about a cure, let alone

fires raging across Sumatra and Kalimantan, the Indonesian half of Borneo.

In Indonesia's easternmost province on Irian Jaya, which is the grip of a drought, the death toll from hunger has risen to 265 from 251. Missionaries said many of the deaths

6 It is an international catastrophe. The question is how to put the fires out. The answer is we do not know 9

blamed 176 plantation companies for causing the fires, it has taken action against only one company so far.

the WWF's Indonesia programme, said that the army should be deployed to fight the become critical.

There are presently 8,500 Indonesians and more than 1.000 Malaysians fighting the

been allowed to burn out of control, preventing aircraft from bringing in relief. One fires is preventing us from getting supplies to remote areas. If it does not clear soon, death toll could rise

dramatically. Antara, the official Indone

had now swept across the border into Papus New Guinea and burnt down a camp inhabited by 600 Indonesian political refugees. Up to 73 people are believed to have died as a result of the worst drought to hit Papua New Guinea in 50 years, and the Government claimed that as many as two million people had been affected by the disaster, almost three times the original forecast.

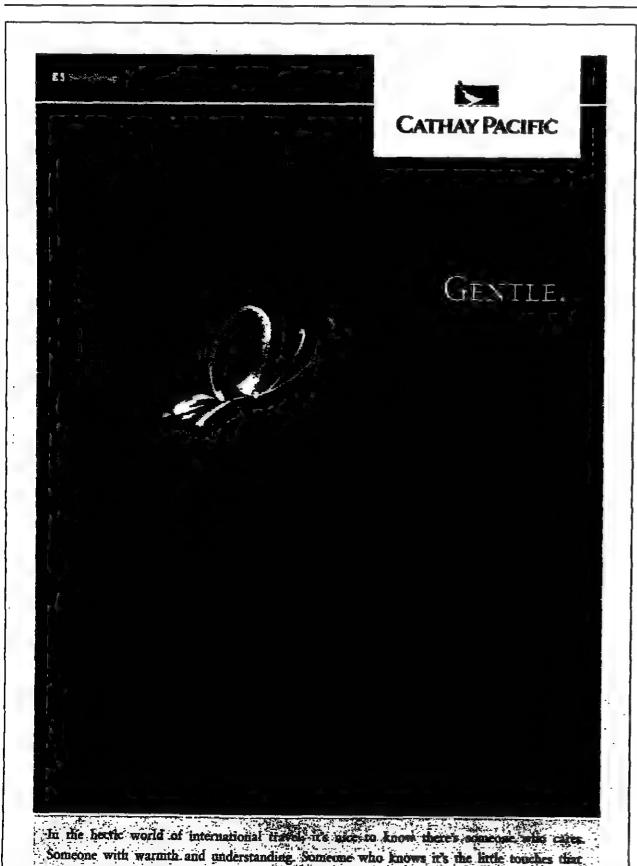
In Malaysia's eastern state of Sarawak. hundreds of stranded passengers clam-oured for airline seats in Kuching as the airport reopened yesterday after a break in the smog.

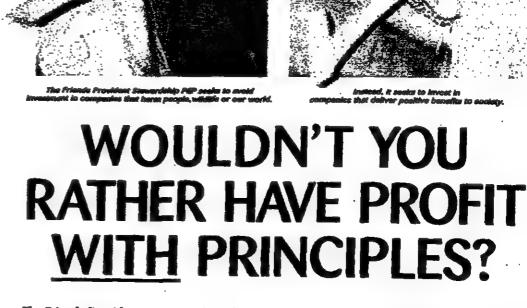
Malaysian activists and opposition politicians protestin front of the Prime Minister's Office, denouncing "the lack of firm and effective action" to fight the pollution. In the Philippines, a health

alert has been declared in parts of the country and the haze has also enveloped



A satellite image of haze covering much of South-East Asia. Environmentalists. accuse Indonesia of anathy in dealing with the companies blamed for the chaos





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Israel sanctions 300 new homes in West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

EXTREME Palestinian leaders yesterday issued threats of more suicide attacks after Israel defied the United States by sanctioning 300 more homes for Jews in the occupied

Diplomatic observers said that Binyamin Netanyahu's pledge of new building in the Efrat settlement, near Bethlehem, brought relations between the right-wing Govern-ment and the Clinton Administration to their lowest ebb since the Prime Minister's election in May 1996.

He told hundreds of religious teenagers that "we are building in Judaea and Samaria, using the biblical name for the West Bank favoured by Israeli hawks. Last night Martin Indyk,

the outgoing American Ambassador to israel, himself a Jew, said angrily that the Israeli settlement move undermined American efforts at the United Nations.

"We are unhappy with that announcement," he said on Israel television. "The Secre-tary of State [Madeleine Albright] is up at the UN at the moment and she is engaged in an almost full-time effort to help Israel, because there is an

effort under way to isolate Israel, and it is in that context that this announcement comes and it undermines her efforts." The widely respected envoy had, only hours earlier. issued a warning in an unusu-ally pessimistic farewell address in Tel Aviv that the Oslo peace process, which began four years ago, "some days seems to be turning into a

nightmare". American feathers were further ruffled because hours before unveiling the initiative, Mr Netanyahu had spoken by telephone to Ms Albright, who on her recent trip to the Middle East had requested that the Prime Minister take a "time out" in settlement building. During the conversation, Mr Netanyahu had not once mentioned his plans for Efrat.

Ms Albright last night reprimanded Israel, claiming in a reaction that was broadcast by the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, that she did not "regard this kind of building as consistent with the kind of climate for negotiation that she hoped to create".

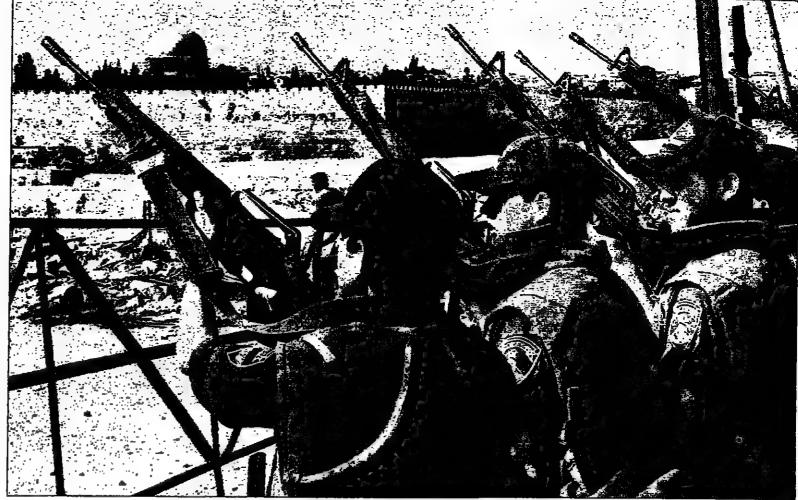
The Israeli Government was undeterred. Danny Naveh, the Cabinet Secretary, dismissed the uproar as "a

storm in a teacup" and argued that the settlement was virtu-ally a suburb of Jerusalem. He plans there had initially been approved by Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Labour Prime Minister.

Ahmed Tibi, a senior adviser to Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, said that the expansion programme had planted "a landmine" under efforts to revive the stalled Israeli-Palestinian dialogue due to be made in New York next week at a three-way meeting between Abu Mazen, the Palestinian No 2, David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Ms Albright, who suggested it. Yossi Sarid, the leader of the

left-wing Meretz apposition party, responded angrily: "Every time that the prospects for resuming negotiations improve, Prime Minister Netanyahu does something to undermine them. Building in Efrat is unnecessary for anyone except a small segment of

the [ruling Likud] coalition." Right-wing supporters of Mr Netanyahu hit back at Ms Albright, who has upset them by calling for a halt to the "unilateral measures" being



Israeli border police on guard duty yesterday outside an Arab east Jerusalem settlement, where Jews occupied an Arab house last week

taken by Israel as a vital condition for restarting talks with the Palestinians, which have been halted since March. Hanan Porat, a leading member of the National Religious Party, a key member of the coalition, accused the Secretary of State of "anachronistic" behaviour by trying to replace

the British, whose rule in the dance to the tune of peace Mandate period ended with the creation of the Jewish state in 1948. Palestinian exasperation was voiced across the political spectrum. Abdel Aziz Rantisi, the Hamas leader, accused Israel of deliberately provoking the Palestinlans. "Israel should not expect us to

while they are buildozing confiscated land and building settlements and strengthening the Zionist presence in Palestine." Mr Rantisi, one of 400 militants expelled to Lebanon by the former Labour Government in 1992, was asked on Israeli television how many

young Palestinians were willfrom 21 per cent in February to ing to blow themselves up in Israeli cities."Thousands, thousands," he replied. "And if I say tens of thousands, I am saying the truth." A poll of 1.320 Palestinians published vesterday showed that the number backing suicide at-

tacks against Jews had risen

36 per cent now. Last night Faisal Husseini the Palestine Liberation Organisation's top official in Jerusalem, said that the Israeli move, announced when the country was already on full alert for more bombings,

Fiji back in fold after vote by India

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

FLJI has been readmitted to the Commonwealth ten years after a racially motivated military coup led to its membership lapsing. The Pacific island group will reclaim its membership on October 1, and will take its place at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in

nounced, prematurely, by Rabuka, Prime Minister, who led the military coup but then oversaw the return to a constitution that did not discriminate against Fiji's ethnie Indian majority – since much reduced through emigration. Britain has pressed hard for Fiji's return, together with New Zealand, Aus-tralia, the Pacific island

countries and Malaysia. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, wrote to all 53 members and asked whether there were any objections to Fiji's application for readmission.

The key vote was in-dia's, but following the acceptance of the new Fijian constitution by J. Ram Reddy, leader of Fiji's opposition Labour Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, stated publicly that he supported the country's readmission.

Fiji, now a republic, maintains the Union Flag as part of its national emblem and there is strong support for the monarchy. It is the only country to celebrate officially the birthday of the Prince of Wales. He is understood to have lobbied strongly for the islands' readmission.

Women beggars pay the price of Taleban dogma

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent

gave tiny loans to Afghan women for the purchase of a sewing machine, a goat or to finance some other modest means of livelihood has been thrown out of Afghanistan by the Taleban Islamic militia for promoting "shamelessness" among females.

It is a reminder, a year after the Islamic militia seized Kabul, of the almost medieval much of the country. Thousands of war widows who queue every morning in the capital for beans and oil from foreign charity organisations are testimony to Taleban's savage treatment of women. The Grameen Bank of Ban-

gladesh has changed the lives of thousands in its own country by giving loans of a few pounds, enabling women to become financially self-suf-ficient by selling milk, clothes and blankets, growing produce for sale or opening tiny village shops. The bank survived opposition from fundamentalist clerics at home, but its modest incursion into Afghanistan brought it face-toface with the world's most

conservative Islamic regime. "The motive of the bank was to lead Muslims away from Islam." Taleban said, accusing it of being a front organisation of Christian missionaries, an allegation received with derision in Bangladesh, where the bank is hugely popular among poor women and generally regarded as one of the country's most respected institutions. Few who take a loan

On September 27 last year Kabul fell quietly to Taleban after the city's previous masters slipped away to the north. leaving the capital to the mercy of an intolerant regime that believes in limb amputations, public hangings and floggings, and severe restric-tions on women, who are not

ever default.

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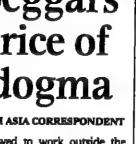
> nowhere greater than in Ka-bul, which has 11,000 war widows. Welfare food centres normally operate only in the winter but this year they staved open in the summer to prevent starvation. The war widows, who have an average of four child ren, mostly spend their days begging or working

> gar women, victims of an ideology instilled in young men at madrassas (Islamic schools) in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The students are mostly illiterate, like the mullahs who teach them rabid interpretations of Muslim

> loathing of the moderate Muslim world and the fear of India and Central Asia. It has humiliated Pakistan, doubtless a paymaster and certainly a close friend, by failing to conquer all Afghanistan. Had it done so. Pakistan would have had a rure taste of foreign policy victory.

Instead, Islamabad has made powerful enemies who are backed by Russia, Iran and, probably, India. The region is now one of the world's most volatile, with an abundance of weapons and a web of rival international interests. The main battlefront has moved from Kabul to the north, where Taleban is fighting to capture the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, headquarters

of its main opponents. ☐ Kabul: Taleban authorities have ordered all ten private hospitals here to close within five days as part of a plan to return the health sector to its pre-Communist form, Mullah Mohammad Abbas Akhund, Taleban's Minister of Public



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Health, said. (Reuters)



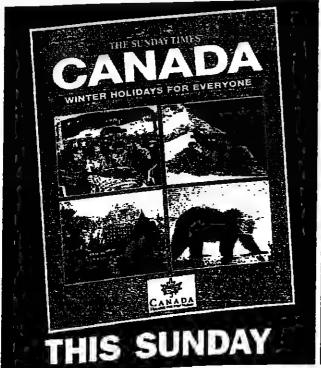
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Japanese see Genghis as ideal boss

Tokyo: For many young bureaucrats in Japan, it is not Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, who is the ideal boss, but Genghis Khan.

The Government asked 520 newly hired national civil servants whom they would most admire as a boss: 79 listed Genghis Khan, the 13thcentury Mongol warrior who conquered swaths of Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

The National Personnel Authority, said yesterday that many new bureaucrats regard Genghis Khan as "a man of organisation who achieved a united Mongolia".

Finishing second with 52 votes was Akira Ohgi, manager of the Orix BlueWave, a Pacific League baseball team. He was followed by Kyozo Nagatsuka, an actor. (AP)



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'I've done nothing wrong. Šo why won't they believe me?

The day Caroline Beale was arrested, her parents had been counting their blessings. They talked to Grace Bradberry

shout. She of her chair, half sobbing as she speaks. "I wanted Caroline to clear her name," she says, tightening her hand into a fist. "I'm so sure she never harmed that baby and it would have come out. It would mean that Caroline's name would be cleared and our granddaughter's death certificate wouldn't have homicide on it. That's so wrong, so wrong, it chokes me. I want that changed before [die."

The outburst is involuntary rather than theatrical. The words come firing out like bullets, ricocheting round Daphne and Peter Beale's front room in

Chingford, Essex. It is typical of so many front rooms 'Her body in England - the hid it, three-piece suite, the wooden display her body unit that fills one wall, the family and mind photographs and hid that the Beales, like thousands of other middle-aged couples, are reticent

the word Mrs Beale uses. All this gives her speech astonish-

It is now almost three years since her daughter Caroline, a 30-year-old civil servant, was arrested at New York's Kennedy airport carrying the body of her dead baby. She was subsequently jailed and charged with murder. She stood trial in March 1996, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter in return for being allowed home. Under the plea bargain, Caroline cannot appeal

Why?" demands her mother. "They destroyed her. They made her take a plea bargain. They even put in the words You know what you're doing and no one's coerced you into doing it', and she had to agree. It's a farce."

Peter Beale, whose expression is inscrutable as he watches his wife's distress,

aphne Beale's tones: Twenty-three times she small voice rises to went to court in chains. How could they say that she wasn't intimidated when she took the plea bargain?"

We saw her arms chained behind her back," says Mrs Beale. "One day, she was walking out, and we were walking out behind her, and she collapsed. She had two guards either side of her, with their arms through hers. Her legs were going and they were lifting her. I went to help her. and they just wouldn't let me, they wouldn't let me. She'd

The pain of this memory clearly remains deep. Yet to the outsider, what is incredible about Caroline Beale's story is that those close to her knew so little about her.

Her baby went to full term, but no one even noticed that she was preggiving birth in the

bath of a New York

hotel room, her

boyfriend of eight

years, Paul Faraway, was enjoybaby' ing a night out with gunsmith from Leytonstone, he had lived with Caroline, but he had no idea she was pregnant. By the time he returned to the hotel, Caroline had given birth, decided that the baby was dead, placed

her in a bag, then cleared up

the blood. All the following

day she carried her dead baby

as the group went shopping. Her parents and her younger brother Stephen, indeed everyone who knew her, missed her pregnancy, too. "Caroline's tiny," says her mother. "But there was no sign of the baby. And it wasn't only us. Her workmates, her friends, no one had a clue. The baby was nearly 81b, but she wore her normal clothes. Her body hid it, her body and her mind hid that baby, not

Caroline." They noticed that their daughter was depressed, and that her hands shook, but put







The Beales, and Caroline in New York and as a child. Experts said that she was suffering from depression with psychotic features at the time of the birth

illness of her friend Alison Taylor, the girlfriend of Paul's brother Dominic. "It was months and months that Alison was dying," recalls Mrs Beale. "She was diagnosed as breast cancer and she had the breast removed, then she seemed to be getting better and everyone thought she'd conquered it. She said to Caroline that when she was really clear she was going to start a family. That is the key. Then Alison went downhill. She got worse and worse. Caroline realised then that she

was pregnant. "She bottled it up so much. People realised it was getting to her. They used to say, 'How is Alison?" but she just couldn't think about it." Sometimes Mr Beale, who by his own admission was quite a demanding father, would ask why Caroline didn't visit more often. Shouldn't she support her friend? "She said 'I can't cope with it, Dad. Anyway, she doesn't know who we are."

Knowing how much Alison had wanted children, Caroline felt unable to announce her

visit the doctor, and when Alison finally died, she became convinced that the baby was dead, too. As Duncan Campbell relates in his book, her relationship with Paul deteriorated. She would go to bed early, pulling a blanket over her, and he would stay up late watching television.

She kept all this to herself. too. "She'd never talk to you about her intimate life," says her father. They did not realise that the relationship was crumbling. "Paul was Paul." as Mrs Beale puts it. "He hardly spoke to us."

The Beales were, in fact, relatively satisfied with their lives, including the way their children were getting along. Caroline was described by those who encountered her in New York as childlike, but her mother is adamant that she was in control of a normal, adult life. "Once she got the key to her own front door, she was off, she was fine. If she was that childlike, she wouldn't have bothered to

decorate the flat." indeed, on the day they learnt of Caroline's arrest in September 1994, they were sitting in the garden of their son Stephen's house in Norfolk counting their blessings. It was Mr Beale's 58th birthday. "We'd just been saying that we'd had our lives and pened," says Mrs Beale. Then arrest. As they entered a

their son's wife came out to say that their daughter had been arrested for murdering her baby. They called the police station in New York, then the hospital where Caroline was first taken, but were un-

able to get clear answers. Meanwhile, Caroline had been questioned by a district attorney named Mar-

jorie Fisher, and a postmortem examination performed on her daughter. The pathologist concluded that the baby had drawn breath, and that there were "faint netechiae" (dots that can denote bruising) on the eyeballs and threat, indicating

suffocation. On this basis, Caroline was charged with second-degree murder, and moved to Riker's Island, the

largest iail in America. It was here that the Beales were reunited with their nothing terrible had hap- daughter, ten days after her

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visitors' cubicle. Caroline was led 'In the US. through by an officer. "She just colyou don't lapsed in my arms," says Daphne. "She said I've nothing done wrong. Why won't they believe me? She really couldn't understand why she was there. She was just sobbing."

in the months that followed, the Beales sought out medical and psychiatric experts to rebut Ms Fisher's case, and dropped the original court-appointed lawyer, who was free, for Michael Dowd, a larger-thanlife character who accepted the case for \$10,000 - a pittance for a New York lawyer, but a fortune for Mr Beale who had

don't get extra points for killing babies, she memorably remarked. Mrs Beale came to feel that Ms Fisher was "out to get Caroline. She wasn't prosecuting her, she was persecuting her... I was so angry with Marjorie Fisher because I lelt that she knew Caroline was innocent."

While the Beales had total faith in their daughter's innocence, they were aware that her decision to conceal the pregnancy had led to the magedy. When something like this happens you begin to question whether even the basic things were wrong," comments Mr Beale. He looked back on rows and curfews when Caruline was 17. and he scrutinised what he had always thought was his daughter's thoroughly normal personality. As a little girl, she had made her body go rigid, when people bent to pick her up. She was an excellent swimmer but would refuse to join in with the other children when they were on holiday by: the sea. "But I guess girls, they seem strange to me. It's difficult to judge whether one of them has got something special, or just that women are bloody awkward."

e had always felt fronically, he believes that the period she spent on bail, staying with a liberal-Roman Catholic named Margaret Brower, and socialising with the Dowd family, and Meg Spinelli, an expert in clinical psychiatry, improved her self-esteem. These women were so confident with that kind of confidence that is overwhelming. I said 'She can only do good out of this'." They were far more demonriney were far more demonstrative than the Beales:
"Whenever they were with Caroline, they were always touching her. They were always saying 'we love you'. If you're English you don't use that expression for much and that expression too much and if you do, you get itin the face. It must have done her good."

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Caroline would not have accepted that from us," remarks Mrs Beale. Might repression lie at the root of the whole disaster? "But how many people with mental problems are there in America?" Mr Beale asks. "I think English people do have a reserve, which is a fact of life."

Caroline has been back in England for nearly 18 months now. She attends psychiatric sessions three times a week, visits a parole officer regularv. and has taken a different ob in the Civil Service. She no onger shakes, and has stopped spending most of her weekend in bed. She sometimes looks after her brother's two children, and her mother hopes she will have children of her own. One of her friends has had a baby boy, but Caroline felt unable to hold the child. Her parents aren't privy to what Caroline tells her psychiatrist, and they say the subject is too painful for her to confide in them. "We don't talk about any of it really," says Mr

The Story of Caroline Beale, A Stranger and Afraid, by Duncan Campbell, Macmillan, £16.99



taken early retirement. Mr

Dowd built a formidable de-

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The Beales expected Ms

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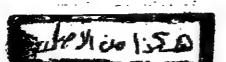
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Jodie Foster in Contact, a film which was the last professional collaboration between Ann Druyan and her late husband, the scientist Carl Sagan

Message for outer space

eyand the orbit of Neptune, and making for the open sea of interstellar space. Mozart. Beethoven and Chuck Berry are waiting to make contact with alien life forms. Travelling with them for the next billion years on specially cut golden video discs is the sound of a young woman very much in love - the pounding of her heart and the rasp of her

Ann Druyan recorded it just days after she met Carl Sagan. television astronomer, novelist, peace campaigner and the man she was to marry. As creative director of Nasa's Voyager interstellar record project, she chose the heat of her own grand passion as one of the defining soundbites of ife on Earth — a piece in the jigsaw that might one day be put together in a distant galaxy.

A polymath like her late husband, Ms Druyan designed the complex message of music, images and ideas to be placed aboard the Voyager pacecraft. Although she consulted others, the finished product was hers alone.

The video discs carry playing instructions in scientific hieroglyphics. They resemble the simple, diagrammatic operating instructions of a per-

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Ann Druyan, creative director of Nasa's Voyager project, is waiting for an alien response. Interview by Bill Frost

sonal stereo. There are pictures interspersed with music a newborn baby; a young couple in love; an old couple still in love; images of war, images of fertility — the best and worst of our world.

There was no nepotism involved in her selection as creative director of the project. "Ann made it on merit alone not because she was Carl's wife - she is one smart lady," said a Nasa insider.

Ten years ago, she was elected secretary of the Federation of American Scientists the cream of the profession dedicated to the prevention of military misuse of high technology, the self-styled "conscience of the nation". Ms Druyan says her husband changed the fundamentalist view that there could be no other intellectual life but mankind in a Universe created by God. Reports of close encounters are a continuing source of disappointment

That was a sadness for Carl too. OK, the contacts are not verifiable but we've only been at it for five minutes one generation - really. I don't believe that the Govern-



Space search: Ann Druyan

ties are suppressing the truth either here or elsewhere. One day, though, that message will come true."

Sagan believed that, too. Before his death last December, aged 62, he had served as the professor of astronomy and space sciences and direc-

centre of the Universe, the galaxy, or even our own solar system. It is impossible to believe that life only exists here; impossible to believe that system and Ms Druyan is still love only exists here ... and Carl believed that too. waiting for a response from the "life forms out there which statistically must exist". Next "And yet there has never to the devastating physical loss of her husband last been a shred of evidence, never a close encounter, and

Christmas, her greatest sadness is that he did not live to that includes the much publicised 1947 Roswell incimake contact with another dent. Maybe they look down at us, they did not want to be "The time capsules show corrupted by our need, our greed and our violence. our world in all its beauty and with all its paradoxes. The discs carry voices in 59 differ-

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Goode. No alien life form can

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tension inherent between religion and science, which was an area of philosophical and

"I want to believe there is life beyond our own little planet ent languages, 118 video imjust like I want to believe that ages of life on Earth and 24 somewhere when I die." 'Among them are three ● Contact opens In cine ven, Mozart, a Delta blues,

Carl and I could be reunited

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Why it's wrong for working mothers to feel guilty

Mary Ann Sieghart on how it is possible to balance a successful career with family life

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should be

f I hadn't been asked to write this feature at short notice yesterday, I would have had time to race across town at lunchtime to talk to Evie's teacher as planned. If I hadn't been asked the day before to deliver 2,000 words on Cherie Booth by this morning. I would have been able to say goodnight to my girls last night. As it is, today's niggardly score is work 2, family 0. So is it worth it? Or do I secretly envy Brenda Barnes, the PepsiCo president who announced on Wednesday that she was giving up work to spend more time with her children?

The answer is a steadfast "yes" to the first question and "no" to the second. Like most working mothers, I question my life regular-ly. And when I read reports such as yesterday's, I do a little mental check to make sure that I still believe I am doing the right thing. But I always come up with the same conclusion: I

couldn't not work. My resolve is bolstered by the knowledge that the people who know and love me best — my husband, my mother, my brother all agree. They would be hornified if I decided to jack it all in for full-time motherhood. But what, you might ask, about the most important people con-

cerned, the children? They are, of course, ambivalent. They are proud of what I achieve they love seeing my name in the paper, watching me on TV or hearing my voice on the radio. I believe that

it is important for mothers to be good role models to daughters. In my case, it seems to have worked rather too well: Evic, six, has already designed herself a portfolio career, which begins with actor and theatre director, develops into inventor, and culminates with Prime Minister. Rosa, four, says she will settle for being just Prime Minister and a mummy. These ambitions were arrived at quite independently.

The girls do also say that they would like to see more of me. Usually they fare better than they did yesterday. I always see them in the mornings, and spend half an hour with Evie on the way to school. I often see them in the evenings too, and almost always at weekends. I am also lucky in that, unlike Mrs Barnes and many other high-achieving women, I rarely have to travel for my work.

But the critical difference for the girls, compared with the childhood I remember, is that they see so much more of their father. Dai is self-employed and has arranged matters so that his office is next to our home. He is a devoted and active father, and pops in and out of the house. The girls are secure

in the feeling that one parent is around

during the day, if not actually looking after them. In terms of total parental attention, their tally is roughly the same as mine was as a child.

So, to the question: "Can women have it all?", I would answer "yes", with reservations. Having a great nanny (which, luckily, we do) is one prerequisite. Having a great husband is another. Most happy working women have husbands with flexible lives. The trouble comes when both parents are career-maximisers in demanding jobs. Then, I think, the children do take the strain.

But why should it always be the mother whose career is downgraded? Some mothers will want nothing more than to give up work. Others will do so only because their husbands are not prepared to compromise. They are likely to end up bored, frustrated and depressed, not the best formula for good motherhood. Children will not

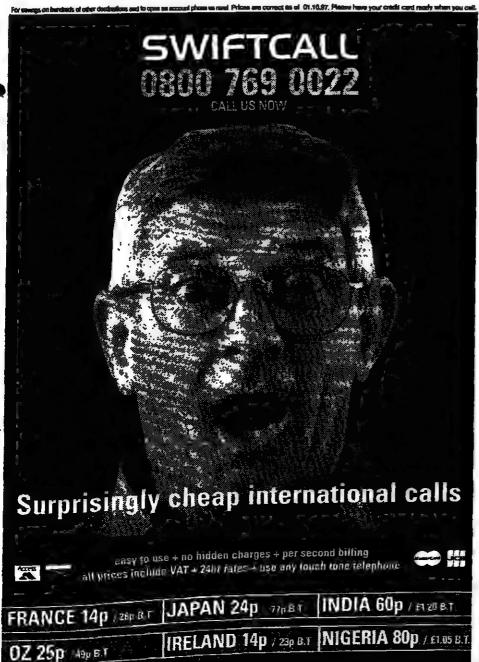
be made happy by having a mother who resents domesticity and channels all her ambition into their achievements. For women who have always

known, as I have, that they good role wanted fulfilment from a career. models the best strategy is to marry a man who is not a workaholic and who wants to be an active father for My husband is a paragon in that respect: when I was considering daughters' marriage, it was one of the many attractive features about him.

But I also admire people of both sexes who, having reached the top, decide to spend more time with their family. Brenda Barnes has achieved the pinnacle of corporate life. If she has earned enough to retire early, good for her. My only worry is whether it will actually make her happier. My guess is that she will experience six months of clation and liberation before the guilty feelings return. Instead of worrying about not seeing enough of her children, she will wonder what she is doing with her life.

The best antidote to guilt in mothers is to realise that almost all other mothers feel quaims, whether they are working full-time, part-time or not at all. If they give up work, they worry that they are wasting their potential and becoming boring: if they go out to work, they fear that they are neglecting their children.

The truth is that some people are made to work, some are not. Women who want to work should do so, and ideally marry men who are less driven than they. Women who don't want to work should, if they can afford it, stay at home. Above all, they should stop worrying. For the ultimate test is the state of mind of the children. As long as they remain happy and well-adjusted, we must be doing something right.





Unlauded but still a genius

The hated Mr Mandelson is his

party's saviour, says John Lloyd

lauds Tony Blair. will it have the sense and generosity to pay tribute to the other architect of its ascent to power? To Peter Mandelson? Since he joined the party in 1985 as director of communications, he has worked steadily to achieve Labour's rehabilitation as a governing force by remoulding its image, its ideology and its policies. He is famed and reviled, by the journalists who have fed off him (or been starved by him) and the politicians whose reputations have been shredded or bruised by him, as a spinner, a manipulator, an image creator. But his ideology, and his desire to shape policy, are at least as impor-tant and becoming more so. All his main innovations have mixed image, ideology and policy; it is what gives them

Among the most important of these innovations has been the disengagement of party from policy. Mr Mandelson came into full-time party work when the party conference and its National Executive Committee were the cockpits of ceaseless struggle over policy positions. The outcome was

frequently humiliating to the party Michael Foot, then Neil Kinnock, More than anyone, Mandelson has worked to loosen the grip of the executive, the trade unions and now the

parliamentarians on the presentation of policy. He has not completed the task; but the terrain has altered beyond recognition. The executive is neutered or loyal, the unions resentful but sidelined, the parliamentarians respectful or futile in their

resentments. The displacement of party was only possible with the right leader. Neil Kinnock, whom Mr Mandelson served with great devotion, was nevertheless consistently less popular than his party; John Smith he could not serve because Mr Smith disliked him. As Mr Mandelson sees it, the ideological and political transformations in the party had gone as far as they could with the old leadership; they required fusing with a man who could epitomise the spirit of the age, and that man was

Tony Blair. Mr Mandelson's attachment to Mr Blair, which is complete, is thus a complex thing; in part the devotion of a close aide and adviser, in part the joy of an impresario at having found a star for his long-prepared show. Between these two postures there is the discourse of two men who are coevals and who are closer on policy than any other two politicians at the top of government. Neither troubles about embracing ideas from any part of the spectrum. Both although natural social liberals - have a strong authoritarian, even vengeful, streak and both enjoy the company of

men and women of power.
The right leader must himself have great power. The party reforms were designed

to give it to him. The strength-

ening of the political and policy units in Downing Street and the boosting of position of the Cabinet Office — where 7 hen, next week, Labour's conference Mr Mandelson is nominally number two to the low-key David Clark - is aimed at giving the Prime Minister the executive authority and strate-gic grasp that Mr Mandelson thinks he should have. He outlined the plan in the book he wrote in 1995 with Roger Liddle, the former Social Democrat politician; they said that "a more provocative ap-proach will be particularly important if a Blair-led government wants to create areas of cross-departmental administration which are not covered by existing Whitehall structures". Peter Mandelson covers all Whitehall structures. His waiting room is as likely to contain the Chief of General Staff as a journalist

these days. This past week, he has signalled the apotheosis of the politics he has done so much to create. His lectures to both William Hague and Paddy Ashdown signify a genuine belief, which he shares with Mr Blair, that new Labour commands a hegemonic space in British - possibly even European - politics, so that

opposition parties He is have is to emulate its style. passionate

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But not just its style. Mr Man-delson's complaint against uniting the Ashdown was not about his style, but about his substance riven Left

and his candour. He and Mr Blair appear to have been genuinely outraged by Paddy Ashdown's attack on their record so far. They have spent hours in meetings, social occasions and on the phone with the Liberal leader. In these sessions, Mr Ashdown has said he sees the problems of implementation, has recognised the difficulties of government and has complained to them about the lack of realism

on the part of his colleagues. His charge of "deliberate betrayal" was thus not seen as merely the need of a leader to reassure the rank and file with theatricals, but as the sign of a man who had not yet grown up. Mr Mandelson and Mr Blair are passionate about the project of sewing together a Left riven since the Social Democratic split 16 years ago. The stinging rebuke to Mr Ashdown gave him notice that a new politics of realignment had to be accompanied by a new politics of candour and courage in taking on his own

unreconstructed Labourites. The lordiness of the reproach to the Liberals, the contempt for the Conservatives, are the kind of hauteur which now attracts the ritual disdain of journalists. Mr Mandelson is an excoriated figure: his position envied, his style mocked, his private life the butt of constant innuendo But more discerning delegates in Brighton next week may reflect on his record, and spare a private ovation for him. He has, for good and ill, put them

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where they are today.





Sleeping with the enemy

tics" in 1956. My nana, Mrs Alice Littler, was visiting us in Cyprus. With my parents she was discussing reports from Westminster in the overseas edition of a British newspaper. It seemed that politicians of different parties were involved in an ill-tempered row. I forget what it was about, but remember nana observing to my mother (her daughter) that it would be a good idea if MPs "stopped behaving like children and put the good of the country first".

Nothing that Paddy Ashdown has said about the new politics this week in Eastbourne, and nothing Tony Blair has told us about his vision of a more constructive politics for Britain, adds much to nana's formulation.

Shall we try to define terms? "The new politics" has been a phrase on many lips at the Liberal Democrat conference in Eastbourne this week. Paddy Ashdown has called it the "detribalisation" of Westminster, and Tony Blair has used the same term. The idea is that MPs should waste less time and energy playing as opposing teams, and instead pool their energies and unite their talents behind what nana called the good of

the country. Why now, in particular? Well, the immediate call is for Liberal Democrats to drop what Peter Mandelson calls their "oppositionitis" and fall in step with the Government's onward march to a better Britain. In return, Mr Ashdown believes that Mr Mandelson's party should and might open its mind to Liberal Democrat ideas about constitutional and voting reform. Both sides talk about seeking other areas, too, where sensible men and women could co-operate across parties, instead of trying to trip each

other up. Beyond that, we know little more. Sneechmakers seem vague about how the House of Commons would actually operate if "detribalisation"

seriously caught on. If we try to guess, we can imagine two alternative destinations to the journey. One is that our democracy could offer what Athens is wrongly fabled to have enjoyed: an assembly of reasonable citizens, elected with no affiliations except to the truth and the common good. Let us call that the Athenian interpretation of the "new politics". It is the logical conclusion of the Blair/Ashdown rhetoric. Logical but unrealistic.

There is a more limited interpreta-

Will Blair and Ashdown end Britain's time-honoured adversarial politics?

this, I think, that most commentators really have in mind. Existing party frontiers between "mainstream" politicians, they think, could soften even dissolve. Most Liberal Democrats could join forces with that majority of the Labour Party which Mr Blair has tamed: maybe some 'sensible" left-leaning Tories might join too. The result would be a new political grouping of the Centre. The Labour Left and Tory Right would be

banished to the fringes.
Strictly speaking this is not the "new politics" because it is not the end of party but a

realignment of parof Left and Right would simply become the new enemy, for neither Mr Blair nor Mr Ashdown is suggesting that any

centre grouping should extend an inclusive arm to Dr Julian Lewis or to Tony Benn. On the contrary, an advantage of a centrist realignment is supposed to be that it could permanently exclude the extremes from political influence. Realigners share with my late nana an unarticulated suspicion that extremists (people with views sharply different from theirs) are ill-intentioned or mad. At the heart of the "new politics"

lies a proposition to which adherents may not knowingly subscribe, but which characterises their thoughtprocesses. They believe that if reasonable men and women would only sit down together in a spirit of amity, in possession of the available facts, and with a shared interest in the good of their country, their opinions would converge. Whenever another's opinions diverge sharply and stubbornly from his own, your apostle of the new politics" will tend to ascribe this to ignorance, malice or insanity. Tony Blair is an excellent exemplar.

So, incidentally, was Julius Caesar. I have just been reading Thornton Wilder's The Ides of March and the picture the novelist paints of a powerful intellect and progressive spirit, simply baffled by opposition and genuinely incapable of distinguishing his own ambition from his

tion, closer to practical politics. It is ambitions for Rome, offers a chilling reminder of the strange innocence of strong men. I have seen the knitting of Mr Blair's brow when he is crossed and I know that his critics are wrong: it is not pride, it is consternation. When, exasperated, Mr Blair questions the sanity of Labour's left-leaning Euro-MPs, his remarks betray not aggression but genuine incomprehension. When his answer is that there is -- surely? -- "no going back to the past", the intention is not to bully. Mr Blair just doesn't see point of view.

> persistent disagreement between good minds is a sort of contradiction in terms: a denial of the verities. Such a spirit feels threattion, not really out

of wilfulness but because it undermines his universe: if the world were arranged properly, there would be no serious argument. Although this tendency is characteristically feminine two find virtue in conflict is a boy's game), it is compelling, and present in some measure in all of us. But it runs counter to the whole spirit of English (not Celtic) democracy. whose mainspring is conflict and whose result is bloody competition.

The "new politics" thinks you offer your citizenry a government as Sainsbury's offers its customers a supermarket: the desired product being more or less agreed, the challenge is to hire the best management team the headhunters can find. That in politics the product is not agreed, and that our constitution is designed to provoke furious competition between contrasting goods and their providers, dismays them. That every great advance in the world of political ideas has sprung from conflict and been born in anger, passes them by. The English have never really understood the theory of our legislature, and if they did they would disapprove - just as so many are secretly baffled by our judicial system, which requires counsel to make a vigorous case for something counsel may not believe.

Misunderstanding what drives the engine of English democracy, the apostles of the "new politics" see parliamentary conflict as an unpleasant by-product, grit in the machine, to be filtered out or smoothed away by the lubricant of goodwill and better communication. But conflict team, party, faction, tribe, the adversarial spirit, call it what you will - is not grit in the parliamentary cogs: it drives the wheels. Conflict is the fuel

t is inherent for two good reasons. First, it is the fire in which new ideas are forged. Tony Blair has never had a new idea in his life. Secondly, it provides the drama with which politics engages the populace. On the Continent, where the political process so admired by the "new politics" is far less adversarial, only crisis can engage the populace. For this reason the continental democracies, apparently less cantankerous than our own, are inherently less stable and far less deeply rooted.

It is not impossible that the "new politics" could take us their way. The limited realignment of which Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown dream is achievable and I think both mean to achieve it, although it would be a struggle. The problems Mr Ashdown encountered this week with his party are only a curtain-raiser to those Mr Blair will encounter with his troops when he tells them (as he must if he is to keep faith with Mr Ashdown) that they must exchange the voting system by which they were elected for one in which fewer of them are likely to be elected.

But if we get PR, then we get government by coalition — and in their hearts, the prophets of the "new politics" know that and welcome it. They are on to a popular cause. I have not made a thousand speeches in a thousand village halls in England to remain unaware that my countrymen desire an end to adversarial politics at Westminster, Betty Boothroyd will tell you so. Jack Weatherill will tell you so. George Thomas could have told you so. Nana knew it. The advantage is so easily canvassed and so tangible, the loss so

subtle and so hard to explain. On balance I think it will not happen. The barbarians have a habit of winning, and i suspect that tribe will destroy Antonius Caesar before Antonius Caesar destroys tribe. I

Philip Howard



For the sake of argument, let's thrash this out

Birch: Why is it taken for granted by Sophists that it is more brutal to flog women than men? Discuss.

Socrates: I am ignorant about this. Perhaps because women do not enjoy being flogged, unlike the pupils of your public schools for boys. The romping though content-free verses of your poet. Swinburne squirm to his predi-lection for flagellation. The tat-tered remnants of grand old men left in the Tory party formed their characters, fundamentally, through the seats of their striped trousers at Eton. Birch: I suppose that tiresome remark is what is meant by Socratic irony, pretending to be ignorant, followed by Socratic sarcasm, pretending to be funny. But the leaflets left by Disciplinarian Dido and other young women pictured in black stockings and abbreviated school uniforms in London phone boxes suggest that some of the female sex claim to find pleasure, or at any rate money, in spanking. But how was it in your society? Your fellow citizen. Menander, said that a man who had not been flogged had not been educated. But did you also flog your women? Socrates: Don't be disgusting!

by Stanley Lombardo speak like American GIs in 'Nam, and badmouth each other as "trash" and "pansy". Achilles threatens his comrades when he decides to withdraw from the fighting at the beginning of the story, You keep your goddam hands off, you hear?" Respectable Athenian women were the property of their men, and kept in purdah. But my dear wife Xanthippe certainly whipped her girl slaves — and me too, on occasions, which was why I preferred to spend most of my time out at dialogues with young men. But surely your society is built on flogging? Birch: Don't be disgusting, yourself! That belongs to a medieval and barbaric age: . . Socrates: But did you not cane children in schools quite recently, until you desisted for fear of the European Court? You should treat children better than adults, not worse. Did not Churchill, your Pericles, declare that the traditions of your Royal

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Navy were nothing but rum, bum, sodomy and the lash? Much the same as the imperial Athenian navy, except that our triremes had to row on retsina instead of rum. Was not the Battle of Waterloo, your Marathon, won on the playing-fields of Eton? And the Iron Duke did not mean cricket or the field game, which were still inchoate. He was referring to bloody fistfights behind the fives courts, and subsequent mass floggings, which indoctrinated your young Flashmen in the stiff upper lip and the tightly clenched cheeks. They were more frightened of their superior officers than they were of Bonaparte. Flogging also taught them the precaution of sticking blotting paper inside

their pants.

Birch: Great flogging days that made the British Empire before our compassionate and caring Enlightenmenti And Dr Johnson, our equivalent of you as a sage with the common touch, said: "There is now less flogging in our great schools than formerly - but then less is learned there; so that what the boys get at one end they lose at the other." But we never flogged the fair sex, alas.

Socrates: Don't you believe it. Read The Fatal Shore, the account of your convict settlements in Australia, flogging to bits for both sexes. Whom do you think whipping posts were erected for? What did Dickensian beadles most enjoy? Your Puritans quite mistook what to do with tarts. In spite of valiant efforts by my young friend Plato and your historian, Fernández-Armesto, to discover Ideal Truth, I suspect there is no such figment. But it seems to me true that females are psychologically and morally stronger than men. and live longer. However, many of them are physically weaker and smaller than men. They bear children and are not so conditioned to violence and pain on the playgrounds of life. But sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the gander, though it does not seem to work in the American Army or the British police. Flogging ought to be for both sexes. But psychically and sexually it has seemed wrong

since Ancient Athens. Birch: This is quite illogical. But if we get Nicola Horlick to do the flogging, she should be made to hold a family Bible under both armpits for pity on the weaker

Must sell

AS a contribution towards his El.3 million legal bill, Jonathan Aitken has decided to sell his elegant Georgian townhouse in Westminster. The disgraced former Defence Minister is to put the house, in Lord North Street, on the market for about £1 million.

It had been thought that he would only sell his country home near Sandwich. Kent, which would



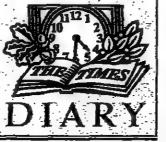
"I thought it was America the Rolling Stones were touring

have helped to finance a possible divorce settlement with his es-tranged wife, Lolicia.

It was felt that he would be loath to sell his London pad, in a coveted gas-lit street just around the corner from the House of Commons. Properties there have long been centres for plotting and intrigue, and none more so than No 8, where Mr Aitken has lived since 1959. He took the ten-bedroom house - formerly the home of Churchill's Minister of Information, Brendan Bracken - on a 42year lease, buying the freehold in 1981 for £225,000. Now salivating local estate agents value it at more than £1 million.

The size - it is two houses knocked into one, and comfortably seats 16 for dinner — lent itself to conspiratorial gatherings of the Tory Right, lubricated by Aitken's famous hospitality. Many of his business deals took place over a late-night glass of wine in the

drawing room. But as he enters a subdued political era, having lost his seat at the election and a massive libel action about his sojourn at the Paris Ritz, it is a case of toodle-pip to Westminster.



• HE SEEMS perfectly harmless, but the burghers of Eastbourne are not so sure. Simon Hughes, MP, pulled up in front of his hotel in his trademark London cab when a woman hailed him. "She was rather aggressive and tried to get in," says Hughes. "When I explained who I was, she stormed J. It was only 8am — she was obviously up to no good." Hmm. But what exactly do you get up to at that hour. Mr Hughes?

Evicted

SQUATTING is not an activity often practised by ambassadors, so pity Philip Lader, America's new man in London. He has been turfed out of his official residence just a week after arriving. Palatial Winfield House, Regent's Park, home to America's ambassadors ing. lewd or indecent."

since 1936, has closed for essential repairs. The MoT, which will include plumbing, asbestos insulation and installing new phone lines, will take a year.

Meanwhile the Lader family is grateful for whatever digs it can find. These are tough times for Mr and Mrs Lader and their two young daughters," says an embas-sy flunkey. "We have managed to rent them a house in Holland Park which they will move into next week. It is quite adequate for a man of his position - mediumsized disting room, fitted kitchen and all that." Cold comfort indeed, after the sweeping staircases and gilt-edged banqueting-rooms of Winfield House.

Rogue mail

THE VAGARIES of new art have failed to impress grandees at the Royal Mail, who have deemed the catalogue to the Royal Academy exhibition Sensations too obscene to handle. Images such as the portrait of Myra Hindley and Mark Quinn's Blood Head, made with nine pints of his own blood, have overtaxed sensibilities in the postroom."It's too louche," quails a buff envelope there. "Under Section 11 of the Obscenities Act, we do not deliver anything that is shock-

Indeed. So the gallery's 80 academicians have received copies by courier (cost per delivery: £10). "Our lawyers advised us to use couriers," says an academy daub-er. "It's odd there is such a fuss --most of the pictures in the catalogue are traditional." Well . . ,

Girls talk

FURTHER to my scoop about the friendship between a music master and a sixth-former at Cheltenham Ladies' College, distressing confes-sions from old girls have been flooding into my study.

"Why do you assume that Cheltenham Ladies' College is a 'bastion of innocence?" writes one woman who was a pupil in the 1960s. "Our head of house conducted an affair with a teacher and was never found out. A friend entertained her boyfriend in the middle of the night when they heard the housemistress and he was dispatched out of the window. The term 'Ladies' College' does not mean much."

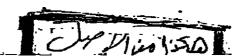
Think big

TRADING up. Kate Moss, diminutive model, has bought a vast townhouse in Central London, offloading her rather de trop pad



in Shepherds Bush. Having pocketed £300,000 on the sale. Miss Moss has hired London's most innovative (ie. expensive) decorating company to revamp her new pad. "It will have stucco curved ceilings, stone-finished walls and mosaic floors. It is very funky but will cost thousands." Not bad for a lass from Croydon.

West on ISD





TOUGH AND TENDER

Jack Straw tries to be both hard cop and do-gooder

Politicians may once have been divided by A. J. P. Taylor into bishops and bookies but they also split between those happier at the dispatch box or with their red box. Some ministers, such as John Prescott and Michael Heseltine, are natural showmen, debaters and campaigners whose rhetoric can rouse their backbenchers. Other ministers thrive away from the limelight, in the slow development of policy and legislative spadework. Peter Lilley was such a figure in the last administration and Jack Straw is in this. The Home Secretary is the second member of the Cabinet whose progress we review in the . un-up to Labour's conference and he is one of the Government's action men. Yesterday saw his most significant policy initiative so far - on juvenile crime. The philosophical thrust of the policy was admirable but it will be on practical results that Mr Straw knows he will be judged.

An early acquaintance with government, as special adviser to Barbara Castle when the Baroness was in Harold Wilson's Cabinet, combined with an apprenticeship in student politics, a barrister's training, a closeness to his leader and a moral cast of mind have given Mr Straw a degree of authority in this administration consonant with the seniority of his office. He has certainly thrown that weight around. On devolution (a sceptic), PR (ditto) and fox hunting (sensitive to rural arguments) he has made the arguments that some colleagues did not want to hear. A Government with the majority this one enjoys needs to have strong voices at the top asking awkward questions.

It is, however, as Tony Blair's Home Secretary and not his Devil's Advocate that Mr Straw will be judged. In opposition Mr Straw was caricatured as an authoritarian engaged in an unseemly auction of populism with Michael Howard. In office even critics have had to adjust the picture. There has been one direct policy change, an abandonment of the pledge to end private prisons. but more significant has been the broader change of emphasis at the Home Office. both from what might have been expected and also from Mr Howard's term.

Pressure groups, whose advice Mr Howard would no more take than he would elocution lessons, now enjoy access and respect although the effect of such openness is not yet apparent on policy. Civil servants have found Mr Straw closer to their culture than his predecessor, a rapprochement helped by the presence of a former DHSS civil servant, Norman Warner, as special adviser. On prison policy, although Mr Straw does not want a laxer approach, he is keen to find tough alternatives to incarceration, as Douglas Hurd and John Patten were before Mr Howard took office. It was to Mr Howard's credit that he was prepared to question a Home Office orthodoxy which had become unquestioningly liberal but. thanks in great part to his efforts, the debate has moved on since he took office. Mr Straw's less obviously abrasive but still activist posture may better fit the times.

Mr Straw's plans for the juvenile justice system are certainly not those of a milksop liberal. A tightening of a caution procedure which has, in some areas, fallen into disrespect, the abolition of the doli incapax rule on the age of criminal responsibility, the introduction of curfews and the insistence on greater parental responsibility are all welcome steps in tackling juvenile crime. The proposals may not live up to all the hopes vested in them. There is only so much that reform of the justice system can do to tackle juvenile crime but Mr Straw's reforms should have an effect on the margins.

Mr Straw is, understandably, anxious in office to show that he is developing a distinctive new Labour approach to home affairs, balancing toughness in criminal justice with new rights for minorities. His pledges on homosexual law reform are part of that strategy, as is the commitment to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. The jury is still, however, out on a minister who has not endured one of the crises which haunt his office, has not had an acrimonious spending battle to fight and has not been challenged in the courts or tested heavily in committee. Mr Straw has made a solid start but the biggest hurdles are still to come.

DOCTORS ON THE AIR

Welcome medical aid for the campaign against pollution

The British Medical Association has now thrown its professional and scientific weight behind the campaign to cut car usage and encourage a switch to public transport. Underlining what many city dwellers suffering from nausea, asthma or heart disease now experience, the BMA has given : warning of serious health consequences if long-term traffic levels are not brought under control. Air pollution, it says, has risen alarmingly. The foul air on busy streets, especially noxious in summer, has led to a 50 per cent rise in childhood asthma over the past 30 years; between 1980 and 1990 hospital admissions increased from 4,000 to 10,000.

The BMA does not hesitate to point the finger of blame: inadequate public transport, an obstinate increase in car use and government complacency have all contributed to worsening air quality. Sore eyes, dry coughs, recurrent colds and chronic bronchitis, even among schoolchildren, are a fact of today's cities. The BMA's criticism is the more incisive because it does not stem from the emotion of a lobby group.

The Government insists that it is committed to implementing the National Air Quality Strategy as soon as possible. To many, the claim rings hollow. The previous Government also promised to cut pollution and promised a range of short-term and long-term measures to stop noxious exhaust smothering the inner cities. What has come of those? Much was made of the new powers given to the police and local authorities to impose on-the-spot fines for cars and lorries belching black smoke. But rarely is a lorry pulled over. Few know the phone numbers of the hotlines to report polluting vehicles. Local authorities seem indifferent.

What henner they not the public are read to face is the unpopular fact that most pollution is caused by private cars. Restraint and persuasion can help: as in Germany, fines could be imposed on drivers, especially of coaches and lorries, who let their engines idle while they wait to load or pick up passengers. Parking in city centres should be reduced, cycle paths opened and schoolchildren encouraged to walk to school. All such measures are, however, palliatives. So relentless is the rise in traffic, so obdurate the attachment to private motoring and so overcrowded are Britain's roads and city centres that only legislation can now make a significant difference.

Motorway tolls will inevitably be introduced once the technology for their collection has been perfected. In the towns, the car must be kept out, by price or by law. Why have so few cities in Britain turned their centres into pedestrian zones compared to continental Europe? Why has London made almost no effort to divert traffic from the centre, apart from the "ring of steel" thrown around the City to protect property from the IRA? Until public transport is swift, clean, efficient and regular, it will be no alternative

LITTLE ROCK LEGACY

Clinton commemorates desegregation in Arkansas

For most of its history the city of Little Rock has been little known to other residents of the United States. In 1992 - courtesy of Bill Clinton - it became a mystery to the wider world too. The one other exception to its anonymity occurred, however, in September 1957 when Governor Orval Faubus stood at the steps of the Central High School and blocked nine black children out of the all white establishment. In doing so he defied the direct orders of the Supreme Court and the federal Government. President Eisenhower broke his blockade by deploying the 101st Airborne Division and seizing control of the Arkansas National Guard. This small army ensured the school's desegregation.

President Clinton returned to Arkansas yesterday to commemorate this landmark event in the epic civil rights struggle and address the current state of American race relations. His speech was designed to reinforce Mr Clinton's commitment to racial reconciliation and to claim success on that score as a central part of his personal political legacy. In a career marked by much vacillation, the President has stuck by his stated principles on racial issues even when opinion polls - on such controversies as affirmative action - have suggested he

should do otherwise. The events of four decades ago and their evolution since are peppered with paradox. Arkansas itself was an improbable place to emerge as the symbol of Southern segregation. It was settled by impoverished farmers with vast families and very few slaves. The state consisted of land left over when the better parts of the Louisiana purchase were divided to form Louisiana and Missouri and Oklahoma was fenced off as Indian territory. It had no grand plantations or great landowners. The black population here was the smallest of any state in the Confederacy.

Governor Faubus had not been known for his previous extremism. He seems to have been motivated as much by his quest for reelection as sheer racism. President Eisenhower lacked any real enthusiasm for the desegregation that the Supreme Court had imposed upon him. He felt compelled to act once his authority had been challenged. The Governor's stand not only failed to save segregation in Little Rock but forced a reluctant Senate to pass the first Civil Rights Act since the 1860s. All Arkansas schools would not be fully integrated for another decade still and then by Winthrop Rockefeller, the state's first Republican Governor in a century.

The President is himself part of this complex picture. Mr Clinton was 11 years old at the time of the Little Rock stand-off. His formative years were powerfully influenced by the aftermath of segregation. The staunch support of Southern blacks has been at the core of his state and national constituency. The scandals that have attended the Clinton tenure have been a mixed blessing for his adopted city. But he has, at least, ensured that Mr Faubus will no longer be the most famous former Governor of Arkansas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cook's comment on Saudi verdict

From Mr Graham Wade

Sir, Of course most Westerners, including Robin Cook, find aspects of Islamic law "wholly unacceptable" (leading article, September 25). Pun-ishments which include amputations. repeated floggings, public behead-ings/hangings seem repulsive, bar-baric and medieval.

We should make our moral position clear, as we did formerly against the inhumanity of Soviet justice. There are issues here which transcend the immediate cases under consideration.

Even more repugnant are in cam-era processes by which Sharia ver-dicts are reached. If women can be forced to confess by the prospect of rape and physical abuse (you call this kind of interrogation "rough"), with no other evidence made publicly available, any legal system founded on such methods lacks all credibility.

The Saudi Ambassador has commented that they would not change their legal system for "bleeding-heart liberals". We do not expect them to. But neither can he expect us, for whatever reasons, to endorse by dis-

creet silence a legal system which we perceive to be cruel, thuggish, unreliable and against our every instinct.

GRAHAM WADE, 34 Holmwood Avenue, Leeds, West Yorkshire. September 25.

From Mr Harry Blundred

Sir, I fully endorse your leading article today. The plain facts are that one Scottish and one English nurse have been found guilty in a properly constituted court in Saudi Arabia of murdering or participating in the murder of an Australian colleague; that one has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment (about the going rate in Britain for murder) and 500 lashes; and that the other may or may not be sentenced to death.

In accepting the hospitality of the Saudi people, and the high financial rewards of working in that country, the two nurses would have been fully aware of the penalties for crime in that strictly Islamic state.

By protesting so vigorously, the Foreign Secretary not only demonstrates his inexperience in diplomacy and his naivety but has certainly made less likely the granting of clemency by the Saudi Government, and all in the name of playing to the gallery of polinical correctness,

Yours truly, HARRY BLUNDRED. Ladram House, Otterton, Devon.

From Dr I. H. Khan

Sir, The Foreign Secretary has openly condemned the flogging sentence passed on a British citizen in Saudi

Will he now equally openly condemn all such past and future sentences passed on other workers in that country who happen to be Pakistanis, Filipinos, Bangladeshis, etc?

Yours sincerely, 10) South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen. September 25.

Labour and Lib Dems From Lord Ampthill

Sir, My kinsman Earl Russell is being

more than usually professorial in his letter today. Even if he can speak for all his colleagues, his threat to withdraw Liberal Democrat support in the

Lords when the devolution Bills reach us is empty and should in no way spoil the Prime Minister's sleep or that of Mr Mandelson, if he ever takes

I have no doubt that the Government will get the legislation forecast in their manifesto, sensibly amended of course, even without the help of the forthcoming influx of their supporters.

Yours faithfully, AMPTHILL, House of Lords. September 25.

From Mr Guy Baker Sir, Paddy Ashdown's entertaining

"parody of the witches' scene in Mac-beth" (Matthew Parris, September 25) was at odds with later passages in his speech.

We must question his sincerity when, having kicked the Tories when they are down, he then talks of "constructive opposition", of working with Mr Blair to "change the culture of our politics" of "taking risks". It was certainly easier for Mr Ash-

down to "trade insults" yesterday in the interests of political expediency than to practise what he preaches. His prayer might more appropriately be: to curry favour with Mr

"purists" on side, and to hope that nobody shouts "Humbug!". Yours faithfully. GUY BAKER. Hill Cottage, Feathers Hill, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hertfordshire.

Blair, to keep the Liberal Democrat

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Class, money and access to the Bar

From Mr George Stern

Sir, Cherie Booth, QC, claims that the problem with the Bar is that poor students can't afford it and that barris-ters work 24 hours a day (report and Law interview, September 23).
As the Bar's Chambers Pupillages

and Awards Handbook shows, most pupils get substantial grants. Besides, many promising students get grants for the preceding law courses. And there are not many lighted windows in the Inns of Court after 9pm. No barristers work 24 hours a day -- and few work 12. Plenty don't do eight.

The problem with the Bar is that fees are too high, and they are kept high because the Bar only allows half those qualified to practise. The student passes all examinations and is called to the Bar - then finds that he needs pupillages to practise. The examination process is fair, but

pupillages are awarded at the sole discretion of chambers — and can be awarded to friends and relatives or on the basis of ageism, sexism and old school tie. This halves the number of those in practice - and so increases the fees of those who have got in.

Beware breast-beating closed shops: the admitted faults are never the real ones.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE STERN (Pupil barrister). 6 Eton Court, 6 Shepherds Hill, No. September 23.

From Mr John Pelican

Sir. Cherie Booth is right to call for more action by the Bar to broaden access. This help should encompass older candidates who, having succeeded in their law education and Bar training, face ageism when seeking pupillage and vacancies in chambers. A substantial number of such candidates are women, now in middle

age, whose initial career choice in the 1970s was tightly circumscribed. Many have invested massively in their attempted career move, and face a far-from-genteel poverty as they attempt to pay the associated debts. Judged by commercial criteria or those of public utility, such candidates have years of good, cost-effective ser-

vice to offer. They seek only to be treat-ed on merit.

The Bar is not so rich in ability that it can afford to turn up its nose at such

a source of talent. Yours faithfully, JOHN PELICAN. Flat C, 27 Maude Road, Camberwell, SE5. September 23.

From Miss Catherine Newman, QC

Sir, Cherie Booth and I were, perhaps. fortunate to have had the opportunity of a good education in well run and properly financed state grammar schools, followed by legal training undertaken with the benefit of decent means-tested grants and fees funded by local education authorities. Qualifying about 20 years ago, and like students of every generation, we managed somehow - most of us had part-time jobs as well.

Over the last decade all good chambers have allocated substantial resources to the funding of pupils and junior tenants; very few need to be told that this is now necessary and desirable. In general our generation did not begin life at the Bar with the huge levels of debt which new entrants bring with them nowadays as the leg-

acy of their undergraduate years. We have been living with this problem for years, but we cannot solve it by ourselves.

Yours faithfully, CATHERINE NEWMAN, 13 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. September 23.

From Mrs June A. Hoad

Sir, Concerning the alleged upward social mobility of Cherie Booth, QC. am curious to know whether all actors are "working class", or do Liverpudlians automatically quality?

Perhaps is it just those who appear in "working-class" sitcoms; in which case does the description also apply to Anthony Booth's former co-star?

Yours faithfully. JUNE HOAD, 64 Windsor Road Kew, Richmond, Surrey. September 23.

Yorkshire split?

From Mr David Bowe, MEP for Cleveland and Richmond (Party of European Socialists Group (Labour))

Sir. Yorkshire now has the leader of the Conservative Party and the leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament. But relations between the two have noi niotito a great start

Edward McMillan-Scott backed Kenneth Clarke for the leadership of the party in a consultative vote. Mo-Millan-Scott said of William Hague "We've got to give him a little more time to settle in". These are not the words of a man supporting his party leader. One wonders how much more time McMillan-Scott is prepared to give him (not that he has any say in the matter as MEPs do not have a vote

in party leadership elections). By the way, under the headline Tory MEPs pick leader who is likely to clash with Hague" (September 17, earlier editions), you report that Mc-Millan-Scott is to lead Tory MEPs "to Downing Street" for their first meeting with Mr Hague. Surely not. Or are they planning to meet in the street outside the Prime Minister's resi-

Yours faithfully. DAVID BOWÉ, 10 Harris Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Sir, Far from being a "strong indict-ment" of the Probation Service (report, September 19), the Home Secretary's speech in Essex was thought-provokng, it set a strong agenda and was well received by probation staff.

tive of the developments in the Proincluding the great strides made on assessing risk and working with other agencies in handling dangerous offenders. He commented on the excellent tively to a programme run in Essex for serious offenders which is similar to work being undertaken across the country.

Counting the pennies

the nearest 5 cents.

Items are still priced using odd cents, it is only on the total that the 5 cent rule applies. In non-cash transactions the full range of cents is used without rounding up or down.
This works admirably in practice

2 Munro Avenue, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire. September 24.

Flintshire devolved? '

From Mr Ron West

Sir, Only ≥5 per cent of the Welsh people voted for the expensive extra layer of talking-shop bureaucracy.
This is to be forced on them all as if it were a region-wide majority of Scottish proportions.

However, I note that Cardiff itsel voted against -- only 21 per cent of the electorate there voted in favour: not the most auspicious start for a new seat of Parliament. And no doubt it will be the English taxpayer who has to pay for it all, as usual.

It has been suggested that if Wales were a separate country it would fail the Maastricht criteria for the common currency by a margin of 12 per cent - five times the criteria figure. Yet I see that only 15 per cent of the inhabitants of Flintshire voted in favour of devolution.

Would it not be the democratic thing to allow Flintshire to vote on whether they should be ruled and represented by distant Cardiff, or by Liverpool, a few miles away across the

Probation staff in Essex welcomed

Mr Straw's pragmatic approach to

new methods of tackling crime and in

his expressed aim of dealing with its

We fully agree with rigorous

enforcement and high standards. Our

agenda of public protection coincides

with that of the Home Secretary. It is

at the heart of what we do and believe

Home Office plans for the service,

as outlined in this speech, make good

Yours etc. RON WEST. 158 Chichester Road, Croydon, Surrey. ron_j_west@compuserve.com September 19.

underlying causes.

Yours sincerely,

Cullen Mill,

MARTIN WARGENT

(Chief Probation Officer).

Essex Probation Service.

Probation targets

From Mr Martin Wargent

The Home Secretary was appreciabation Service over recent years, ideas in the service and referred posi-

Selection of bishops

From Mr Raymond Hodgson

Sir, Mrs Ingram Lloyd's letter on the shortage of 1p coins (September 24) reminded me that Australia tackled the problem a few years ago by withdrawing from circulation all 1 cent and 2 cent coins and, in cash transactions only, rounding up or down to

and most people seem to be quite content with the system. Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND HODGSON,

49 Braintree Road, Witham, Essex. September 19.

From Mr Chilion Wood

Sir. Dr Robert de Massey (letter, September 22) writes that the Prime Minister may have been praying before deciding about the new Bishop of

Liverpool. We need not doubt him. But if there were a democratic election (the electors being those on the electoral rolls of Anglican churches in Liverpool) then some thousands of voters would pray before deciding.

This should give a more reliable result. Mr Blair has many other important matters requiring prayer, and nobody can be expected to get it right every time.

Yours faithfully, CHILION WOOD. 5 Haynes Lane, Upper Norwood, SE19. xor84@dial.pipex.com September 23.

Is it a plane, crisp packet or octopus?

From Mr Ronald G. Martin

Sir, The new logo of the British Tourist Authority (report and illustration. September 23) is surely a much more subtle commentary on contemporary Britain than the designers, in their wildest dreams, could possibly have contemplated.

A red octopus (new Labour) seems to be crushing the Conservatives (blue) in its tentacles, whilst the Liberal Democrats (orange) and the environmentalists (green) are sidelined in the margins.

Yours faithfully, R. G. MARTIN 26 Church Road, Beverley, Yorkshire. September 24.

From Mr L. F. E. Coombs

Sir, The British Tourist Authority's new logo mocks the Union Flag. The logo flag is incorrect because the red St Patrick's cross is joined at the centre to the red cross of St George, whereas there should be a

This is another example of the way in which our flag is often corrupted by artists; something other countries

would not tolerate. Yours faithfully, LESLIE COOMBS, 12 Beech Walk, Mill Hill, NW7.

From Mr Dominic Baker

September 23.

Sir, Can we assume that the ten designers involved in the creation of the new logo for Britain were also involved in the new design on British Airways' tailfins?

Yours faithfully, DOMINIC BAKER, 134 Elm Park Mansions, Park Walk, SW10. dominic.baker@framlington.co.uk September 24.

From Mr Gerry Hanson

Sir, My first impression of the new logo is of a hot-air balloon in Union Flag livery slowly deflating where it has landed in a field.

Yours truly GERRY HANSON, Potters Lodge, 74a Slough Road, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.

September 23.

From Mr Albert Bartram Sir. The new logo, which cost £160,000 to produce, reminds me of a used crisp

Yours faithfully, A. BARTRAM 177 Hivings Hill, Chesham, Buckinghamshire. September 23.

City frills From Mr Paul Reading

Sir, It was interesting to see that the pupils of Christ's Hospital School at Horsham still maintain their link with the City of London ("Pupils walk out for a City lunch with all the frills", report and photograph, September 20). Your report said that nobody could recall the whole school turning

out for the event before. In fact this happened in 1952, the year of the school's 400th anniversary. The impact on London traffic was similar and there were plenty of proud parents lining the route.

As an eleven-year-old I made my mark by fainting in St Paul's Cathedral and being carried up the central aisle while the Lord Mayor and entourage processed in the opposite direction

Yours sincerely, PAUL READING, Dove Cottage, 5 Vears Lane, Colden Common, Winchester, Hampshire.

New Cornish horror

From Mr Jack Crossley

September 20.

Sir, Catherine Boyd Brent writes from Devon about "grockles" in Cornwall (letters, September 22). While "grock-les" may be the Devon term for tourists, in Cornwall they are generally known as "emmets" (Cornish for ant). The Scilly Isles are much more

polite and call them "visitors", al-

though I have heard Scillonians say:

"In the winter we do flowers. In the

summer we do visitors." Yours faithfully, JACK CROSSLEY 23 Tournay Road, SW6.

Fact and fiction From Mr R. Smythe

September 22.

Sir, Following the apology by the BBC over the "stereotyped and prejudiced" portrayal of Irish life in an episode of EastEnders (news in brief, September 24), might we now look forward to a similar apology to the residents of East London?

Yours faithfully, R. SMYTHE, 12 Thistledown Drive, Heath Hayes, Cannock, Staffordshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE September 25: The Prince of Wales, President, today launched the Phoenix Trust at Stanley Mills.

ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bt).

Today's royal engagements

Princess Margaret will open Tim Jones House, the new head-quarters of Youth Clubs Sussex. Rochester Gardens, Hove, at 4.10. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, Parkinson's Disease Soci ety, will visit the Parkinson's Disease Brain Research Centre, London University, WCl, at 11.00.

General Sir John Hackett

A Memorial Service for General Sir John Hackett, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, will be held at 3.00pm on Monday, November 24, in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Those attending are asked to inform the Regimental Secretary, Queen's Royal Hussars, Regents Park Barracks, Albany Street, London, NWI 4AL, Telephone: 0171 414 8717/8719.

Mr Harry Chrimes

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Harry Chrimes will take place on October 24 at 3.00pm at St Peter's Church, The Lower Village,

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of Engineering Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the 1997 Hinton Lecture and Dinner held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, The guest speaker was Mr Ian Liddell, FEng, Partner, Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, who spoke on 'Creating

Receptions

at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Sir Brian Jenkins, president of the chamber, and Lord Stockton received the guests. Fulbright Commissi A reception was held last night at the American Embassy in honour of the 49th group of American Fulbright Scholars at the start of

The Earl of Stockton
The Earl of Stockton was the host

their year in the United Kingdom. Mr Robin Berrington. Cultural Attache at the embassy and Chair-man of the Fulbright Commission, welcomed the guests. Five new awards, sponsored by McKinsey and Company, for Brit-ish graduates who wish to under-

take an MBA in the United States,

Service reunion

6th QEO Gurkha Rifles Lieutenant Colonel Bijaykumar Rawat, RGR, and Major (QGO) ma Gurung, MVO, RGR, were the guests of honour at the Annual Reunion of the Regimental Association held at Church Crookham on Saturday. Major General R.A. Pett, CB, MBE, presided. 135 members and guests were present.

Hampshire Lieutenancy

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire: Viscount FitzHarris, of Hook; Mrs Lindsay Fox, of Cheriton, near Alresford: Mr Richard Hoare, of Rasingstoke: Mr Mark Redcliffe, of

Today's birthdays

Miss Lucette Aldous, ballerina, 59; Mrs Julia Allison, former general secretary, Royal College of Midwives, 58; Mrs Margaret Bryan, former diplomat, 68; Lady (Hugh) Casson, architect and designer, 84; Mr Ian Chappell, cricketer, 54; Mr Neil Coles, golfer, 63; Mr Bryan Ferry, rock singer, 52: Sir Alan Glyn, former MP, 79; Lord Griffiths, 74; Air Commodore Joy Harris, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 71; Sir James Hennessy, former diplomat, 74; Professor Louise Johnson, FRS,

biophysicist, 57; Mr P.T. Lewis, former chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 68; Mr Ellyn Llwyd,

Sir Ronald McImosh, former chairman, APV, 78; the Rev Dr Ernest Nicholson, FBA. Provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 59; Mr G.W. Pusack, former chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 77; Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, 81; Miss Margaret Thomas, painter, 81; Mr V.H. Watson, former chairman, John Wadding-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Theodore Gericault painter. Rouen, 1791; Charles Bradlaugh, freethought advocate and politician, London, 1833; Ivan Pavlov, physiologist, Ryazan, Russia, 1849; Sir Barnes Wallis, engineer, Ripley, Derbyshire, 1887; T.S. Eliot, poet, dramatist and critic, Nobel laureate 1948, St Louis, Missouri, 1888; Martin Heidegger, philosopher, Messkirch, Germany, 1889; Giovanni Battista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Concessio, Italy, 1897; George Gershwin, composer, New York,

DEATHS: Thomas Clarkson, antislavery agitator, Playford Hall, (pswich, 1846; August Ferdinand Mobius, astronomer, Leipzig, 1868; James Keir Hardie, founder of the Independent Labour Party, Glasgow, 1915; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris. 1917; Bessie Smith, the Davies, poet, Nallsworth, Gloucestershire, 1940; Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, Woking, 1942; Bela Bartok, componer, New York, 1945; Soiister of Ceylon 1956-59, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin on September 25, Colombo, 1959; Peter Dawson, baritone, Sydney, New South Wales, 1961.

Mary, Clydebank, 1934. The Bernstein-Sondheim m West Side Story was first performed in New York,

Freddie Laker's Skytrain took off from Gatwick for New York with tickets at only 659, 1977.



The Pitminster Boy was painted by Gainsborough while he was living in Bath in the late 1760s

Painting returns to artist's birthplace

A PORTRAIT by Thomas Gainsborough which has been seen in public only twice since 1946, has just gone on show at Gainsborough's House Museum, the

artist's birthplace, in Sudbury, Suffolk.. The canvas, measuring 23in by 20in, shows an unknown youth caught by surprise in a picture known as The Pitminster Boy. Pitminster is a hamlet near Taunton, Somerset.

It was painted when Gainsborough was living in Bath in the late 1760s. It shows the sensitivity of the artist and his

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energetic use of oil paint and was probably completed in about 90 minutes. Hugh Belsey, curator of the museum, said: The picture has a romantic background. The story goes that the boy was employed to grind the artist's colours in a local country house where he was painting.

"One day Gainsborough went into his studio and found this boy had set up a palette and was about to have a go at painting himself. As he looked round rather guiltily Gainsborough apparently shouted to him to stand still and painted his portrait on the spot

Mr Belsey said the story was recounted by Juliana Horatia Ewing, a Victorian novelist. In Jan of the Windmill in 1884. The picture has been handed down in the family of the present owner ever since and has only been seen in two exhibitions, one in Taunton in 1946 and the second at the Tate Gallery in London in

Mr Belsey said: "It has been lent to us for five years initially and is very pretty. It's a most intimate portrait and because of that I think it looks better in the intimacy of a house than in a museum. We are delighted to have it on loan."

A classic day of piping

By ANGUS NICOL

THE second day of the Northern Meeting piping competition started as always with the Gold Clasp competition for plobal-mend. This count was introduced In 1896 as a competition for those who have already won the Gold Medal. There was no set list this year, and competitors had to choice. The result was a recital. tasting most of the day, in which 14 of the great classical tunes were played, without any tune being

The winner of the Gold Clasp was Michael Cusack, who also won the Senior Plobaireachd at Oban this year. He played The Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay. Donald Duaghal was the chief of Clan MacKay and first Lard Reay, who died in 1649. He was a great friend and ally of Donald Mor Mac Crimmon, who composed the tune. In second e, William Livingstone played Lord Lovat's Lament, composed after the execution of Lord Lovat in 1747, by his clansman, David Fraser, he of the Lovat Indenture. Angus MacColl gave an excellent performance of The Unjust Incar-ceration, Iain Dall MacKay's tune,

perhaps a protest against his own blindness. This performance took

third prize. The fourth prize was won by Sergeant Gordon Walker with a very line performance of The Lament for the Children. This tune was composed by Patrick Mor Mac Crimmon, son of Don-ald Mor, after the death within one year of seven of his eight sons, all but Patrick Og.

The ceol beag events also continued on this day. The A-grade strathspey and reel was won by Ian K MacDonald, and the B-The Northern Meeting always

ends with an open competition for hompipe and jig. This is always a lively event, giving some scope for virtuosity. The winner, a master of this art, was Sergeant Gordon

Three junior events completed the Meeting. In the junior Piobaireachd, Don MacRitchie took first prize with a performance of Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament described by the judges as being at least good enough for the Silver Medal. Don MacRitchie also won the Gaelle Society of London's piping prize this year, which includes a one-week piping course at Sabhal Mor Ostaig. The under-18 march, strathspey and reel was won by Darach Urquhart, and the under-15 march by Conon

Finally, the Prize Pipe, which is actually a cup, for the best piper in the Cissp and former winners march, strathspey and reel, was awarded to Michael Cosack. No competitor won a prize in both, and the rule is that the winner of the piobaireachd event takes

Gold Clasp: J. Michael Cusack: 2, William Livingstone: 3, Angus MacColl: 4, Sgr Gordon Watter. Judges: Donald MacPherson, James Young, Angus J MacLennan. Stratispey and reel A: 1, lan K MacDonald: 2, John Patrick; 3, Donald MacBride: 4, Niali Matheson, Judger: Capt Gavin Stoddari, Dr William Fraser, Nell Mulvie.

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Strathspey and ree! B: 1, Jeanie Hawes: Z. Peter Hunt: 3, James McHattie: 4, Hervé Lelloc'h. Judges: Capi Cavin Stoddart. Dr William Fraser. Neil Mulvie. Horneipe and jig. 1. Set Gordon Welker; Z. Alasdalr Gillies; 3, Roderick MacLend; 4. Ewan McCrimmon. Judges: Malcolm MacRaé. Alan Forbes. P! M. Ronaid Lawrie.

mackase, Alan Fordes, F/M Ronald Lawrie.
Junior Piobalreachd: I. Don MacRitchje: 2. Brian MacKenzie Lament for the Earl of Antrimi; 3. Ewan MacKinnon (Too Long in this Condition); 4. Alasdair Brown (MacLeod's Shorr Tune). Judges: Finlay MacNeill, James Burnet. Under-18 march, strathspey and reel: 1. Darach Urquhan; 2. Finlay MacLeod; 3. Brjan MacKenzie; 4. Don MacRitchie, Judges: Major John Allan. P/M John Stewart. Under-15 march: 1. Conon Urquhan; 2. Sieven Johnson; 3. Sandy Cameron; 4. Alastair Brown, Judges: Major John Allan. P/M John Stewart.

THANKSGIVING

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Whitfield

and Miss K. Harrold The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Major Michael and Lady Fiona Whitfield, of Zimbabwe, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Harrold, of Guildford, Surrey.

Captain D.E.A. Cole

and Miss R.L. Beck The engagement is announced between Captain David Cole, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Cole of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and Rhiannon, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Beck, of Penylan, Cardiff

Mr D.B. Deuton and Miss H.E. Morris-Eyton The engagement is announced between David, twin son of the late Mr Hugh Denion and of Mrs Patricia Anderson, of Greywalls, Farndish, Wellingborough, and Helen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Morris-Eyton, Beckside, Millom, Cumbria.

Dr C.S.J. Dunkin and Miss M.L. Pacey The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Dr and Mrs Jonathan Dunkin of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and Lucinda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pacey, of Westerdale, North Yorkshire.

Mr N. Goodwin and Miss H. Peller The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Mr and Mrs James Goodwin, of Salford, Greater Manchester, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Peller, of Bakewell,

Mr C.L. Mathew and Miss E.F.M. Vanderliet-Awick The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr Francis Mathew and of Mrs Mathew, of Marston Trussell, Northamptonshire, and Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs John A. Vanderliet-Awick, of Little

Mr CAE Hordern and Miss S. Legood The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Edward Hordern, of Cane End, Oxfordshire, and Sarah.

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Legood, of Exeter, Devon. Mr D.S.B. Moorbead and Miss J.C. Kay The engagement is announced between Seamus, youngest son of

Mr and Mrs Robert Moorhead, of Smeeth, Kent, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Kay. of Kidderminster,

Mr R.G. Perry and Miss E.E. Johnson

The engagement is announced ... between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Perry, of Astrop, Northamptonshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs younger daughter of Willaston, Brian Johnson, of Willaston,

Marriages

Mr J.J. Chadwick and Mrs F.E. Swan The marriage took place on Thursday, September 25, 1997, in Richmond, of Mr Jonathan Chadwick, of Richmond, Surrey, son of the late Mr Arthur Chadwick and of Mrs Chadwick, of Witley. Surrey, to Mrs Fiona Swan, of London's SW6, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Sæwart Blake,

Signor B.T. Cimci and Dr J.M. Boyes-Korkis The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 13, at Ali Saints Church, Rome, of Signor Berardo Tonino Cimei, son of the late Signor Giuseppe and Signora Valeria Cimei, to Dr Jane Marina Boyes-Korkis, daughter of the late Mr Frederick Boyes-Korkis and of Mrs June Hall, of Iver,

Buckinghamshire. My D. Rold Scott and Mrs C. McMullen The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday between Mr David Reid Scott and Mrs Clare

Baroness Knight of Collingtree

The life barony conferred upon Dame Joan Christabel Jill Knight has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Knight of Collingtree, of Collingtree in the County of Northamptonshire.

Baron Levy

The life barony conferred upon Mr Michael Abraham Levy has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Levy, of Mill Hill in the London Borough of Barnet.

Baroness Amos

The life barony conferred upon Mhis Valerie Ann Acces has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Amos, of Brondesbury in the London Bor-ough of Brent.

Baron Hogg of Cumbernauld

The life barony conferred upon Mi Norman Hogg has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Hogg of Cambernanid, of Cumbernauld in North Lanark-

Baron Newby

The life barony conferred upon Mr Richard Mark Newby has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Newby, of Rothwell in the County of West Yorkshire.

Baron Randall of St Budeaux

Stuart Jeffrey Randall has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Randall of St Budeaux in the

Service dinner

McMullen.

HMS Victory Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Brigstocke, were the hosts at a dinner held last night ia

nost at a dunier neto last right in Hims Victory, in Portsmouth. The guests included:
The Adjutant General and Lady Harley, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Westherall, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Cart, the Vice-Chancellor of Portsmouth University and Mrs Craven and the Portuguese Defence Attache and Mrs Mendonos.

University news Cambridge

St Edmund's College The following have been elected Honorary Fellows of the college: Miss Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House of Commons Professor Derek Burke, former Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia The Right Rev Peter Smith, Bishop

Miss Moira Gardiner has been pointed Director of Finance and Administration from September 1.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Robert Whyborn, NSM, 👢 Milnrow (Manchester): 10 be NSM Curate, Greenfield St Mary (same The Rev Brian Wilcox, Rector,

Hornsea w Atwick (York): to be Rector, Uckfield; Little Horsted, and Isfield (Chichester).

Retirements and resignation The Rev Richard Capstick, Team Vicar, Brighton St Peter and St Nicholas w The Chapel Royal (Chichester) retired September 5. The Rev Ivan Meads, Priest-in-Charge, Week St Mary w Poundstock and Whitstone (Truro) to retire September 30.

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BADENOCH - On 17th September, to Michelle (White) and Duncan, a perfect daughter, Grace Ellen. at The Portland Hospital, to Vanessa (née Carlson) and Justin, is son, James, a prother for Alice. BRDL - On 12th September, to Tim and Lucy (née Bull), a son, Samson john, a brother for George.

DAVISON - On 18th September, to Anne (née Murray) and Mark, a daughter, Eloise, sister to Mary Allos. MERTOW On 23rd September, to Barnes (not Buckley) and Mark, a daughter, Rebucca Mary. GEL: - On September 7th, to Eavan (née McCafferty) and Richard, a son, Edward, a hypother are laubel.

MOBLER - On September 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Lyn (née Fraser) and Hannes, a daughter, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola (see Brink) and Carl, a son, Andrew, a brother for LACH - On September 22nd at

1000 - On 27th August, to Tina and Richard, a son Adam Richard Hamilton, a brother for William. hucker for EURen.

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Charles and Mary Mary and Henry, a daughter, Emily Jane Daniell, sister to William.

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THURSTON - On September 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Renee and Johnsthan, a son, Tomas, a brother for Amy.

WALLER - On September 16th, to Catro the Mandeld and Emon, a Catastree Lorg, a team for the Mandeld September 1997 at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildierd, to Roger and Camilla (nos Lloyd), a son, Guy Demis Bushell.

WIDGERY - On September 25th, to Samh and Andrew, a start for Rosanna and Georgia (Dwyer).

sowment - On Separation 24th stationary at home in North North-Market - On Separation of Haisen and father of John, Peter and Sector.

BOVD - Helen Margaret died peacefully after a short but unexpected illness on Saturday 13th September. Dear wife of the hato D. Joseph Lister and much level nother of Duncan, Memorial Service on Federa Memorial Service on Priday 14th November at 2 pm at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1. Donations to Cantas Defence Longue c/o J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 83 Westhoums Gove, Lundon

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ELSOM - Marjoris Louise (née Dines) died aged 92 on September 24th at Broundfeld Ecopital, Lasimuted after a stort illness. Much loved and missed by her children, grandtchildren and great members of her extended family of relatives and finishes. Funeral will be held at St. Peter's Parigh Church, Gt. Totham (near Witham, Essex) on Priday October 3nd at 3pm. Flowers to Richards Funeral Service or demetions if preferred to Article & Resmunitism Connecti ofe

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O'CLEE - Catherine Mary (Catsy) died peacefully in Folkestone after a long lastia, commercially in Folkestone after a long lastia, commercially found in Folkestone of Davids, Alice, Daisy, Tom and Tottle, Funeral Service on Wednesday 1st October 1997 at Holy Trinity (Church, Folkestone at 2.30ps. Junily Research; Donations to "Folkestone Decorative and Fine Arts Society" of Hamburch and Johns, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1]].

PEATT - Peggy Fruden (née Banancad) very peacefully on September 23rd 1997, the article of the late John R. Peatt M.R.C.V.S., beloved mother and friend to a design and a loving grandpags and great grandpags and great grandpags. Funcial Service on Tuesday September 30th 11 am at the Friory Chart. Leominster, Harefordahire, Design and the R.F.P.C.L.

POWELL - W.L. (Wilf) died suddenly an September 19th following an operation, man their children Mark, Simon, Thomas and Emma. Fumeral at S. Gregory and St. Martin's Church, Wys. 29th September 11 am. No flower please. Desertions if which the Heads of Talles (R.I.F. Branch) e/a 16. (P.T.P. Branch) e/o 16

1997, aged 89, Mary, wife of the late W.H. Sober, mother of Tim and Christina, Pameral Friday 3rd October 12.30 pm at St Mary's, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, Douations to Friends of Akhinen Moder's Resented

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VENCENT - On September 23rd, Easil Walter of Eutton Mount, Essex, aged 90. Beloved husband of Eathleen, brother of Balph, devoted father of Patrick, John and Nick and grandfather of six Private cremation, followed by Service of Thankspiring at St Mary's, Shenfield, on Thursday October 2nd at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only; densition, if desired, to National Osteoporosis, Society 2/0 Bennetts, Society c/o Bennetts Funeral Directors at CM1-4AC tel (01227) 210104 WANSBROUGH - Barbar dearly loved mother David, suddenly b

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BIRTHDAYS

WHITFIELD Charles Edward Whitfield M.R.E., M.W. on September 24th, aged 84, in hospital after a massive stude from which he never regulated consciousness. Very much leved by his partner Charlotte, daughter and son Jem and Kummer, seven grandchildren and nine grant-grandchildren and nine grant-grandchildren and remay Tale Commercian at 230 jon. Family finesses only and doustions, if desired, to The Strole Association or The Masonic Grand Charley co F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Northiton, Engatum-upon-Thaines, Surrey KT2 75X, tel: (0181) 546-8813.

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OBITUARIES

ADMIRAL SIR DEREK EMPSON

Admiral Sir Derek Empson, GBE, KCB, naval aviator, Second Sea Lord, 1971-74, and Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom, 1986-88, died on September 20 aged 78. He was born on October 29, 1918.

erek Empson was one of that exclusive but influential cadre of Fleet Air Arm officers who reached high rank after entering the Navy through the lower deck as naval ratings. He served for nearly four decades, and his experiences encompassed the whole history of Royal Navy aviation, from the ill-equipped struggles of the early war years to the postwar heyday of high-performance, jet-propelled aircraft operating from huge aircraft carriers.

Educated at Easthourne College, he won a scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge, where he read Classics and gained an athletics Blue for hurdling.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he enlisted as a naval airman and volunteered for pilot training. Having qualified for the frontline squadron service as an acting sub-lieutenant, he was one of a draft of officers and men sent in the SS City of Nagpur in April 1941 from Glasgow via Cape Town to join the carrier Hermes in the Indian Ocean. On April 29 the ship was torpedoed in the Atlantic by U-75, which then surfaced and finished her off with gunfire. Empson and other survivors were in open boats for three days until rescued by a

That December he was appointed to 813 Squadron in the carrier Eagle. Equipped with the famous "Stringbag" (the slow but agile Fairey Swordfish biplane) and some Sea Hurricanes, the squadron was

Edwin Brock, poet, died on September 7 aged 69.

He was born on

October 19, 1927,

WHEN in January 1959 the

South London bobby PC 258

was revealed to his superiors

in the Met to be a poet, they did not know what to make of

him. The Daily Express head-

line - "The things he thinks

up as he pounds the Peckham

beat!" — gave the impression

that in Edwin Brock the force

was harbouring a freethinker,

a pervert or worse. PC 258 was

duly reprimanded by a chief

inspector and told with great

severity that revelations of this

sort should have gone through

as anyone by the press's

sudden interest in him. It had

come about when Alan Pryce-

Jones, then Editor of The

Times Literary Supplement,

Brock's poems and mentioned

the policeman poet to an

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initially employed flying area patrols from the Gibraltar airfield as far south as Cape Spartel and in convoy protection. Embarked again in Eagle, the squadron took part in operations to deliver Spitfires to the beleaguered garri-son at Malta. The squadron's Swordfish flew anti-submarine patrols with the Malta convoy during the hard-fought Operation Harpoon of June 1942, while lighters fended off waves of Italian and German aircraft.

Eagle survived this battle

but was sunk by a submarine in August during Operation Pedestal, protecting the next Malta convoy. Most of those in 813 Squadron, including Empson, were fortunately disem-barked at Gibraltar at the time. But the routine of Gibraltar patrols was soon disturbed by orders to fly to Tafaroui. near Algiers, to support the chiefly American invasion of North Africa of November 1942. Now fitted with radar, the Swordfish were employed defending the reinforcement shipping from submarines and in anti-shipping strikes. Besides occasional strafing by Messerschmidts, the various vicissitudes included a shortage of food, a lack of eating irons straw bedding and much

On February 4, 1943, while photographing Algiers harbour, Empson was shot down by the USS Thomas Stone. With a wing on fire and no rudder controls, only his skilful piloting saved the lives of the aircrew, though the observer was badly wounded. The squadron diary noted sourly that the Americans must have mistaken an Allied single-engine monoplane for a German JU 88, a twin-engine monoplane bomber.

Empson was returned home in May, in need of a rest from operational flying, and was next employed training teleg- at the liberation of Hong



raphist airgunners in 755 Squadron at Worthy Down. Returning to see in April 1944 in 768 Squadron, he amassed an impressive number of deck landings on various aircraft carriers, in his role as a "clockwork mouse" — a pilot of sufficient experience to train

fledgeling landing signals officers (the "batsmen" who control landings). Empson now transferred to the regular Navy and was appointed lieutenant-commander (Bying) to the new light fleet carrier Vengeance, which joined the British Pac-

ific Fleet and was present

Kong from the Japanese in

Returning from the Far East in the following July, Empson was given command of 767 Squadron, equipped with various marques of Seafire, and based near Lossiemouth on the Moray Firth. The squadron trained new pilots and 'batsmen" in deck landing techniques on most of the operational carriers. Three years later, Empson was appointed to command a frontline squadron of Fairy Fireflies, again in the Mediterranean with the Vengeance.

A two-year stint as a house officer at Dartmouth was rewarded by promotion to commander and tours in Malta and with the carrier Centaur in the Far East. By this time, Empson had achieved a remarkable 782 deck landings

without a single incident. He was recognised as an officer of exceptional ability, and his subsequent appoint-ments introduced him to the higher reaches of policy-making, as naval assistant to the Second and then the First Sea Lord. In this capacity he served both Earl Mountbatten and Admiral Sir Charles Lambe during the economies and restructuring of the Duncan Sandys era.

Tradition required a command at sea for a well-rounded career, and this was provided in Empson's case by the fast mine-layer Apollo and then by the fleet carrier Eagle,

during a successful commis-sion in the Mediterranean and the Far East. In marked contrast to the capabilities of his former ship of the same name, Eagle had recently been updated at the then large cost of E30 million to operate squadrons of Sea Vixen, Scimitar and Buccaneer jets. Empson was promoted to rear-admiral in 1967 after a

ear as a student at the Imperial Defence College, and was appointed Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers, and subsequently Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air). Becoming full admiral in 1972, he achieved Admiralty Board rank as Second Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Personnel. From 1972 to his retirement in 1975, he was Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, 1974-75.

Notable for his deceptively relaxed approach, he was much admired for his professionalism and his courtesy to all ranks. He had been ap-pointed CB in 1969 was advanced to KCB in 1973 and was made GBE in 1975. He was Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom, 1986-88.

In retirement he interested himself in media matters, cofounding Roymark, a small film company which made films for the Navy, as well as working for Warner Communications and as a consultant to Thorn EMI. In 1982 he spearheaded the efforts of thirty companies trying to reduce video piracy. He was also chairman of the gover-nors of Eastbourne College from 1971 to 1988.

He is survived by his wife Diana, whom he married in 1958, and by their son and daughter.

Brock's first volume of

the end of 1959, and Alan

MARY O'BRIEN



Mary O'Brien, physicist, died of cancer on August 28 aged 66. She was born on June 6, 1931.

IN AN academic career of nearly 50 years, spent almost exclusively in Oxford, Mary O'Brien epitomised the qualities common to women dons of her generation. She not only inspired many generations of physicists and mathematicians as a tutor at Lady Margaret Hall and a lecturer in theoretical physics, but maintained right up to her death an active research programme which brought her international recognition.

Mary Clare Milward O'Brien went up as an undergraduate to Lady Margaret Hall in 1949 from Bedales. She took a first in maths and physics and went on to attain a DPhil under the supervision of M. H. L. Pryce.

Pryce-Jones's reviewer, while At that time the Clarenrecognising its potential, described it as the matter of don Laboratory led the world in the study of the properties of magnetic crystals, using the low-temperature tech-Alan Sillitoe delivered in the manner of Dylan Thomas. niques developed by Sir Fran-Brock later left the police cis Simon, Nicholas Kurti and and became an advertising copywriter. As a poet he their colleagues, together with tended to disparage advertisthe use of microwave sources ing - his friends Peter Porter developed for wartime radar and Edward Lucie-Smith also to study magnetic resonance. worked in the trade - but he The theoretical physics group was successful, and worked collaborated closely with for J. Walter Thompson, S. H. this experimental programme, Benson (directing its creative and O'Brien worked in this group from 1964 to 1972) and area. On the strength of her research she was awarded a

Ogilvy, Benson & Mather. In the meantime he contin-Henry fellowship (one of very few women so distinguished ued publishing verse, and he at that time) and worked at featured in Penguin Modern Poets 8 along with Geoffrey Hill and Stevie Smith. He was Harvard in 1955-56 under the guidance of J. H. Van Vleck, rare among English poets in who later won the Nobel Prize being alive to transatlantic for his work in magnetism. influences, and was enthusi-In 1956 she was appointed to astically received in America. a tutorial fellowship at her Several of his volumes were college, initially with responsibilities for physics, engineerpublished by New Directions in New York, including The ing and mathematics. By the 1960s the expansion of the university and the removal of Portraits and the Posies (1973).

the limitations on the number

of women undergraduates

allowed the appointment of a

college tutor in mathematics.

but O'Brien continued to teach

some applied mathematics for

She impressed her students

by the priority she afforded

her subject, but she was also

active in wider university af-

fairs. She became very knowl-

edgeable about the history and

structure of the college build-

ings, and served on advisory

committees for several new

ones. She also had the

sometimes thankless task of

allocating college accommo-

dation among the fellows and

graduate students. From 1988

to 1993 she was vice-principal

of Lady Margaret Hall.

the rest of her career.

and the Train (1979). Five Ways to Kill a Man: New and Selected Poems gave some idea of his characteristic strengths (and weaknesses) when it was published in 1990. His single novel, The Little White God (1962), was based on his experience in the police force, and he wrote an autobiography. Here, Now. Always, in 1977. He was poetry editor of Ambit from 1960.

Paroxism: A Guide to the

ISMS (1974) and The River

Brock's first marriage, so unsparingly described in With Love from Judas, was dissolved in 1964, the year he married his second wife Elizabeth. He is survived by her and their daughter, and by the son and daughter of his

Early in her research career she developed an interest in an effect named for its discoverers Jahn and Teller in the 1930s, which shows that under certain circumstances there can be a particularly strong interaction between the electrons in a magnetic ion or molecule and the vibrations of the atomic lattice in which they reside.

It was an attempt to exploit this phenomenon (erroneously as it, turned out) that led to the recent discovery of high-temperature superconductivity. Using her mathe-matical expertise, particularly with group theory, O'Brien and her students and collaborators wrote more than 60 research papers, many of them devoted to this topic. Several more papers will be published posthumously.

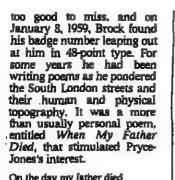
O'Brien developed excellent computing skills as these became more important in science, and was responsible for some years for the development of computing facilities in Oxford's Department of Theoretical Physics. In later years she taught these skills to undergraduates, who were often amazed that someone nearly 50 years their senior was such a master of modern techniques.

Despite spending most of her professional life in Oxford. O'Brien was a great traveller. She spent periods at the General Electric Research Laboratories and at Yale, and was a regular speaker at international conferences on her subiect. But she also travelled extensively for pleasure. On her first trip to the United States she took the opportunity to drive with a friend across the continent, often sleeping on top of their car since they were so short of money. In her later life she made a number of botanical trips to various far-flung places.

She had played the cello at school, and although she gave this up, she maintained an interest in music and made regular visits to Glyndebourne. In her thirties, largely through her friendship with the then tutor in Russian. Anne Pennington, she joined the Balkan dance group, with which she visited Yugoslavia, making numerous friends.

In the mid-1980s she and her mother acquired a small house close to the college. Its garden and birds gave them great pleasure. Unfortunately, arthritis and developing illness caused her to give up dancing; but she went on travelling, and remained active in college and in her department until only a few weeks ago.

EDWIN BROCK



Jones's interest. On the day my father died all the hoops in the neighbourhood rang skate wheels shrilled on summer pavements and I in my blakey boots

On the day my father died girls were running autumn-eyed, with wild hair and hands of silk . . .

clanged one foot in each gutter

The poem owes much more to the lush Forties than to the spare "Movement" poets of the Fifties who were the young Brock's contemporaries; there is a good deal of undigested Dylan Thomas in its

Throughout his life it was said that Brock's poetry reelist of genius), the story was mained too personal and un-

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controlled. By the time he reached his third book of verse, With Love From Judas (1963) — a self-excoriating account of the break-up of his first marriage - it was possible to detect a masochistic streak in the poet's confessions of hypocrisy and meanness of

spirit, although at the same time he flayed his wife's infidelities unsparingly for the reading public.

But on the pleasurable morning of January 8, 1959, all this was in the future, and with the BBC and other newspapers following the Express's

box and jotted down a first story, the police public reladraft of what became When tions machine was soon telling the Met's new star to stay My Father Died. at home and be ready for a verse, An Attempt at Exorcism, was published towards spate of interviews.

Brock came from a completely unintellectual South London background. His father was an electrician whose work often took him away from home. His death in a road accident when Brock was ten did not bring the boy any closer to his mother, but rather deepened his sense of isolation. He went to a local grammar school and from there into the Navy, where he served for two years, 1945-47. Among his postings was Hong Kong, and it was in the grim Victorian naval barracks HMS Tamar in the Wanchai district of the crown colony that he first began writing poetry.

This impulse sprang, he

was later to say, from "sweat, boredom and sexual frustration, the deepest of his war wounds". He read The Penguin Book of Modern Verse and was alienated by what he saw as the elitist tone of its contents. Only T. S. Eliot's Rhapsody on a Windy Night. with its commonplace street smells, evoked any response in him. It encouraged him to think that his "ordinary" experiences as a street-bred Londoner could become the basis for poetry. Yet for a long time he felt that his verse was too autobiographical, too much the expression of direct, unvarnished experience to be classed as poetry.

After National Service, he worked on a trade paper for five years before joining the police. He now wrote verse constantly, and had some luck placing his writings in Poetry Quarterly. It was in the police that he found what he always felt was to be his true voice. On the beat one day, thoughts about his father's death came flooding into his mind. He retired to the nearest phone

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There is no time of the year when the game of lawn tennis is not played. It is an eternal season, for when play on grass is impossible then there is a procession to the hard courts. ner fades out and even aut then there is an approach to the sunny lands where the sun never ceases to shine and to the lands beyond the equator where summer is our winter. And at home there are the covered courts and artificial lights.

Yet it is possible now, at the close of the last of the big American championships at los Angeles to take stock of the doings of the various players in the summer that has now at last passed for the northern part of the lable. For the greated user in suppression that globe. For the second year in succession the championship in the Singles there has been won by an English player, F.J. Perry, and it is a strange coincidence that in the last seven years the winner of that championship has invariably won in the following year the championship of America. That was the achievement this year of Perry, and those who go by such auguries may look forward to a second victory by him next summer at Forest Hills. Perry's play has been one of the most

ON THIS DAY

September 26, 1933

Fred Perry was the last British player to win the American championship (1933 and 1934) and Britain won the Davis Cup from 1933 to 1936. The campaign for open tournaments continued for more than 30 years: the first open was not held at Wimbledon until 1968

distinguished features of the lawn tennis of the summer that is just over. He is one of those who seem to play better in every other country than his own, and for that reason he eserves a special word of praise. After an interval of 21 years the Davis Cup,

which is the emblem of supremacy of the nations of the world at the games, has returned to Great Britain. No one at the beginning of the year would have been so confident as to prophesy such a result, for our players had been tried in past years and found wanting. Yet it was just by persistence, with the same players in the main, that the trophy

was won once more. That should be borne in mind by those who are perpetually out for changes. We have won by keeping on trying and giving the same men as before the chance to earn the laurels. They have done well, and every credit is due to Perry. Austin, and Hughes, as well as the spare man, Lee, for the round to the very last and put their country in the front rank of the lawn tennis nations of the world. It should not be forgotten that no game is so universally played. Nearly 40 nations compete for the Davis Cup, and Great Britain at the present moment stands supreme ...
Once more there has been an outcry for

open tournaments in which amateurs and professionals may take part. The time is hardly ripe for that for the number of professional players who could compete on an equality with the leading amateurs is small. Moreover, the movement towards pro-fessionalism is one that has not yet gained significance. Hitherto it has only won over those who wish to be coaches at the game and others who, when their playing days as amateurs are almost over, are rempted by glittering financial offers to turn over. Such death-bed repentances can command little respect or admiration. It has yet to be shown that the best players would rather be professional than amateur.

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NEWS.

Feuding ministers block reforms

■ Tony Blair's plans for a radical reform of the welfare state are being undermined by a Whitehall battle between Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, and Frank Field, her

Mr Field, brought in by Mr Blair to "think the unthinkable", has been prevented from publishing a Green Paper on welfare reform by his boss who does not want to press ahead with longterm policy. He is said to have become frustrated by Ms Harman's attempts to block his work ---

Aitken steps in to help British nurses

■ Jonathan Aitken, the disgraced former Cabinet minister, has agreed to act as a secret intermediary with members of the Saudi royal family over the fate of two British nurses facing Islamic justice over the murder of another nurse ___Pages 1, 5

'Real' punishment

A judge refresed to reduce a 17year-old shoplifter's sentence to enable her to be out of prison without childcare facilities in time for her birth ...

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The Government is to back a Bill giving legal protection to workers who expose fraud and serious malpractice at work Page 1

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The cerebral world of chess is reeling after an Austrian team captain ripped up a complaint about his player, poked the English player in the back, and shouted profamities ...

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John Cairneross, the British spy who always denied he was the Fifth Man, claims in his posthumously published autobiography that he only took money from the KGB for expensive dental ...Page 3

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Boys are lagging behind in litera-cy skills despite better results overall in national tests for 7, 11 and 14-year-oldsPage 10

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A mother, found guilty of killing her severely handicapped daughter, walked free after she was given a suspended prison

Clinton tribute

Forty years ago the Little Rock Nine walked up to the school steps to taunts from whites. Yesterday, President Clinton held open the doors to the nine in a reenactment aimed at promoting racial harmony Page 17

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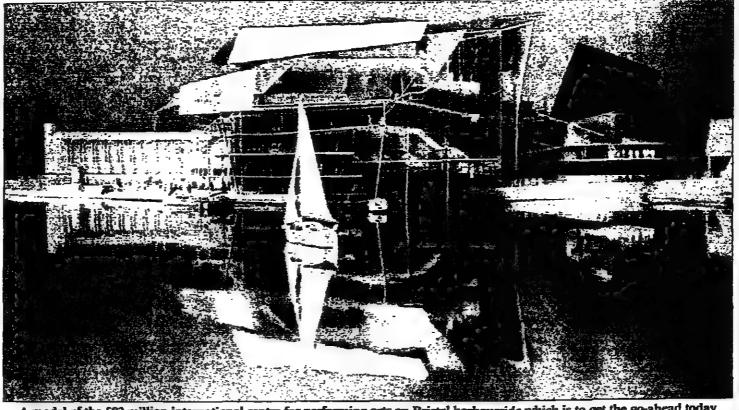
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Indonesia's President Suharto acknowledged the seriousness of the haze covering South-East Asia and declared a national disaster. Experts said the smog could last for months Page 18

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■ The 1987 gales wreaked havoc in woodlands in southern Britan. But Man, in trying to repair the damage by replanting. has wasted millions of pounds. On one site replanted with 200 trees ten years ago only five are alive. Nature has done a better job: where fallen trees were left where they fell there are new trees 20ft high and a vast range of flora and fauna Page 9



A model of the £93 million international centre for performing arts on Bristol harbourside which is to get the go-ahead today

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On song: Welsh National Opera's production of Mozart's La clemenza di Tito is musically a faultless evening, but the staging is less

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The jury is still out on a minister who has not endured one of the crises which haunt his office, has not had an acrimonious spending battle to fight and has not been challenged in the courts or testedheavily in committee..... Page 23-

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Inadequate public transport, an obstinate increase in car use and government complacency have all contributed to worsening air quality...

Little Rock legacy

In a career marked by much vacillation, President Clinton has stuck by his stated principles on racialissues even when opinion polls. have suggested he should do Page 23 otherwise

COLUMNS MATTHEW PARRIS

At the heart of the "new politics" lies this proposition: adherents' believe that if reasonable men and women would only sit down together in a spirit of amity, in possession of the available facts, and with a shared interest in the good of their. country, their opinions would .Page 22

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ence lauds Tony Blair, will it have the sense and generosity to pay tribute to the other architect of its ascent to power? To Peter Mandelson?.. .. Page 22. PHILIP HOWARD

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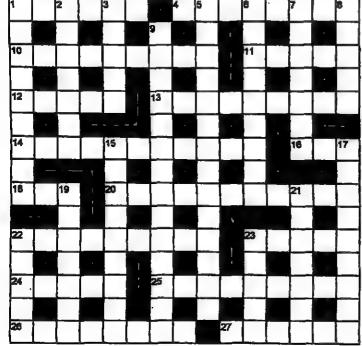
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Tonight Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be mostly cloudy with mist in places. Wales and southern England will have long clear periods with mist and log patches forming.

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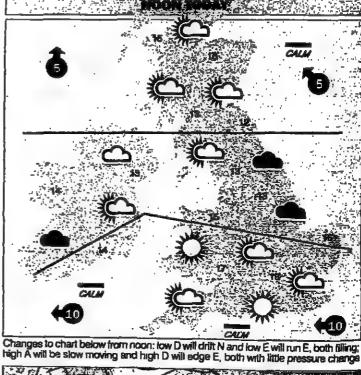
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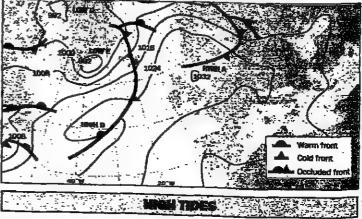
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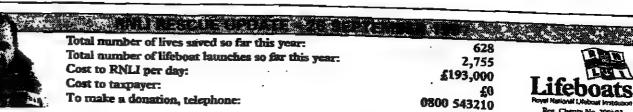
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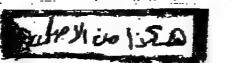




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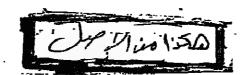
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NatWest predicts 7,000 FTSE in the millennium

By Jason Nissé and ALASDAIR MURRAY

NATWEST MARKETS, the broker, yesterday predicted that the London market would continue to soar into the next millennium, with the FTSE 100 index hitting 7,000 before the end of 2000, a 38 per

Bob Semple, the broker's equity strategist, told an audience of investors that the market would continue to grow on the back of a strong economy and a continued shortage of

w share issues in the London market. NatWest is expecting the market to fall slightly this year, from 5.065 yesterday to 4,800. However, this is a less dramatic fall than NatWest had previously forecast and the broker has raised its 12-month prediction for the market from 5,200 to 5,600.

Mr Semple said that London was undervalued when compared with other major markets and so was well equipped to withstand any possible market correction in the US. The average price earnings ratio for UK stocks is 17.9, compared with 22.9 in the

US, 26.9 in German and 60 in Japan. In line interest rates to peak next year at little higher than today's levels, before falling back to about 6 per cent by 2000.

NatWest predicts that the growth will be led by the financial sector — the strongest performer in the FTSE this year - but also said that industry was dealing with the strong pound better than many had feared. Yesterday the latest trade data provided further evidence that exports are still holding up well, in spite of the strength of

million, the lowest level since March 1995.

Export volume growth again outpaced import growth, with export volumes rising 3.5 per cent in the three months to July, while imports jumped 2 per cent. But the non-EU deficit for August showed the deficit widening from £62 million to £359

Economists cautioned that the June data had been flattered by the inclusion of a one-off £400 million oil rig sale to Norway.

Dharshini David, UK economist at HSBC Markets, gave warning of some signs of manufacturers struggling to cut export prices to maintain volumes that could result in the deficit widening in coming months.

The better than expected data revived rate rise speculation in the currency markets. The pound climbed more than a cent to reach a seven-week high of \$1.6263 and recovered two pfennigs to DM2.8750 after falling sharply on Wednesday.

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Unions to seek £4.61 minimum wage

seized on new official earnings figures to press the Government for a national minimum wage of £4.61 an hour. This is at least a pound higher than many leading companies say they can bear.

The New Earnings Survey published yesterday showed that half male median earnings — the figure unions, including the Unison, public service glant, are lobbying to have used -- rose from £4.42 to £4.61 an hour.

This demand was met with shock by leading industrialists. The finance director of a service sector company that employs about 80,000 people said: "About £3 to £3.50 would fulfil the social purpose of a minimum wage but anything above that could prove a large burden to companies' costs and would meet with substantial opposition."

A spokesman for the John Lewis Partnership, the retail

Nineteen directors were given golden handsbakes of £500,000 or more in the past 12 months and 103 received payoffs of more than £100,000, according to figures collated by Labour Research. Two directors - Charles Mackay of Inchcape and George Greener of BAT In-dustries — picked up more than El million. However, the average payoff slipped for the fourth year running to £327,771.

chain, said: "The minimum wage is really all about the level. If it is set too high then we will have to employ fewer people." John Lewis's lowest paid shop assistants receive £4.28 an hour.

At Bass, employees start work for £3.10 per hour although a spokesman said pay increased with training and experience. He declined to comment on Unison's proposal before the company's talks with the Low Pay Commission.

The new figures emerged as Conservatives attacked the Government for what they said was a significant dilution of its plans for a minimum wage after The Times disclosed that people up to the age of 25 might be exempted from it. John Redwood, Shadow industry Secretary, accused Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, of having "driven a coach and horses through her ⁄age promise", adding: "We will be pressing her for more exemptions now that she has

agreed that the original idea cannot work." The Government also signalled that it is likely to channel more of the £3.5 billion it is raising from the utilities windfall tax into helping the long-term unem-ployed. When Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, set up the Welfare to Work programme in July's Budget, it was envisaged that 90 per cent would go to help young out of work people with only 10 per cent

for more than two years. However, Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, told the Commons Select Com-mittee on Employment yesterday that if the figures for young unemployed continue to fall as sharply as they have over recent month, Labour would change the emphasis of Welfare to Work to help the long-term unemployed.

for older people unemployed

The Government's New Earnings Survey showed average earnings at £367.60 per week. The 4.6 per cent rise on last year's NES figure is in line with the rise of 4.2 per cent over the same period in the Government's normal monthly average earnings series, but well ahead of the rise in inflation of 2.4 per cent.

Average earnings for men are now £408.70, up by 4.4 per cent, and £297.20 for women, up 5.1 per cent. But the gender gap on pay remains, with women's earnings still only 73 per cent of those for men.



Carlsberg-Tetley sheds 1,500 staff

THREE of Carsiberg-Tetley's five breweries are to be closed or sold and 1,500 jobs are to go. The move comes three months after Margaret Beck-ett, the President of the Board of Trade, blocked the sale of

the brewer to Bass. Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries added to the gloom as it admitted that trading had suffered from poor weather in June and July and that profits in the second half of the year were below budget.

The two announcements coming just a day after a profit warning from Greenalls, sent shares tumbling across the sector, with W&D shedding 37p to end the day at 520p. Ebbe Dinesen, chief execu-

tive of Carlsberg-Tetley, said the group had been left with

By DOMINIC WALSH

no alternative but to rationalise the business after Mrs Beckett's decision. He made little attempt to hide his anger, saying: "There is no doubt we would have saved some of these jobs if the sale had been allowed to go through." The Department of Trade of Industry rejected his claim.

Carlsberg-Tetley, controlled by Carlsberg of Denmark, is to

focus its operations on its breweries in Northampton and Leeds, and plans to invest £40 million to boost efficiency and extend capacity.

Bass immediately indicated

an interest in buying Carlsberg-Tetley's Burton brewery. failing which the site will close by April 1999 with the loss of 55 jobs. Its Alloa brewery will close by next May and its

Wrexham site will stop production by October 1999, with the combined loss of 120 jobs. The other job cuts will come

from a streamlining of the distribution, sales and marketing and head office operations. The workforce will fall from 3,700 to 2,200 over two years.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

Warning

Laura Ashley's woes deepened as the retail group issued its third profit warning in five months. Page 28, Commentary 29

Fright

More than £312 million was wiped from the value of Redland as the market took fright at a warning over continuing problems in Page 29

Technical problems at our supplier of unit trust statistics have prevented publication of some prices. We apologise.

Sears brings BSC to an end with 850 job losses

By Sarah Cunningham

SEARS sounded the death knell for the once mighty British Shoe Corporation yes terday as it announced plans to sell or close all of its shoe shops, leading to up to 850 redundancies.

The retail group is setting aside £150 million to leave the shoe business. As recently as three years ago, BSC was responsible for one in six pairs of shoes sold in Britain.

Sears is to close 150 Shoe Express outlets, with the loss of 550 jobs. Information memorandums on Dolcis, Cable & Co, Shoe City and the other 185 branches of Shoe Express will be sent out to potential purchasers in the next few days.

The group hopes to sell about half of its 126 remaining department store concessions, but is likely to close the rest next January, with a further

300 redundancies. Sir Bob Reid, chairman, said there have been up to 85 expressions of interest. In the six months to July 31,

the group recorded a pre-tax loss of £98.9 million (£2.5 million profit) because of an £80 million provision to cover the shoe closures — a further £70 million will be charged in the second half - and £21.5 million for selling the Freemans catalogue business, demerging Selfridges and paying advisers.

with the group until 1999 expects to hear whether the Department of Trade will allow the sale of Freemans to Littlewoods by the end of November. If not, he proposes to float it in 12 to 18 months.

The demerger of Selfridges is on track for next year, Sears said. Current like-for-like sales at the Miss Selfridge, Wallis, Richards and Warehouse women's wear chains, which will remain within the Sears group, are up just 1.4 per

The company is maintain-ing the interim dividend at 1.05p, due on December 5.

Spanish alliance **boosts Pearson**

By ERIC REGULY

PEARSON has agreed a wideranging deal yesterday with Telefónica, Spain's biggest telecommunications group. which gives it free access to the vast Latin American market.

Telefónica will pay £92.4 million for a 20 per cent stake in Recoletos, the Spanish publisher that is 94 per centowned by Pearson. Recoletos is best known as the publisher of Marca, Europe's top-selling sports newspaper, and Expan-

sion, the financial daily.

The investment will dilute Pearson's stake in Recoletos to 76 per cent. Recoletos, in turn. will use £46 million of the



cable businesses.

ty to penetrate the Latin Amer-

ican market where Telefónica

has extensive telecoms and



Scardino: opportunities

Boosey & Hawkes loses 12% of value

By JON ASHWORTH

lost 12 per cent of their value yesterday, on fresh doubts about the future of Britain's most famous music publisher and instrument maker. Carl Fischer, the New York

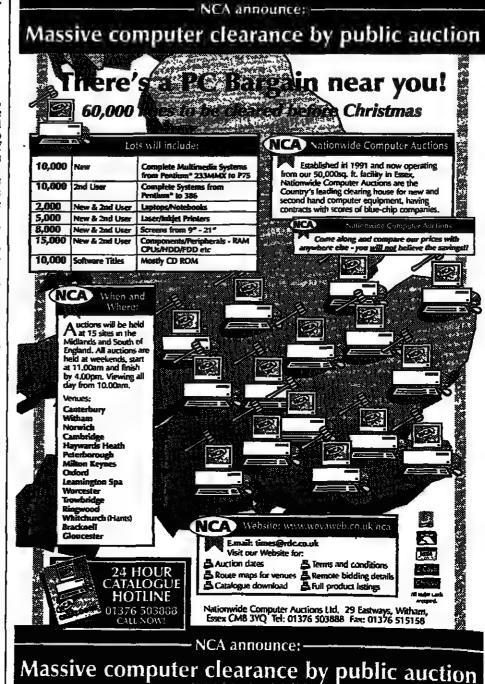
company that is seeking to sell its 43.5 per cent stake in Boosey & Hawkes, said preliminary expressions of interest had been "materially" below the current share price. It remained in discussions with interested parties.

The shares, which peaked at £10.625 in August. fell 1125p to 8372p. Under City rules. anyone buying the Fischer

SHARES in Boosey & Hawkes stake must make a public offer for the whole company. Representatives of leading composers, including Britten, Elgar and Holst, are concerned an unwelcome takeover could cause "irremediable damage" to Britain's musical heritage. In a letter to The Times in July, they argued loss of the company's independence threatened far-reaching

> educational music. Founded in the 1760s, Boosey & Hawkes is the world's leading publisher of 20th-century classical music. Its interim results are due next week.

consequences for serious and



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Steel firms welcome

THE UK steel industry yesterday claimed a victory in its campaign against state aid after cash help for a Luxembourg.

steel producer was declared illegal. The move, by the Euro-

pean Court of First Instance against the European Commis-

sion, comes as British Steel pursues three actions over state

aid to steelmakers. State aid for the coal and steel industry is

illegal in Europe but can be allowed for specific purposes such as environmental improvements. The ruling said that a planned subsidy for Arbed, the Luxembourg manufacturers,

was illegal because it was intended for environmental equipment on new rather than existing machinery.

said: "For the past five years the UK Steel Association has been waging a battle against the proliferation of illegal state aid in-

several European countries. State aid distorts competition and undermines the competitiveness of those countries that stick by the rules." British Steel's actions centre on Ilva, an Italian.

company: the Spanish company CSI and Irish Steel.

Travel tax concession

THE Inland Revenue has made a concession to employees who take regular business trips. Dawn

Primarolo, Treasury Financial Secretary, announced yesterday that full tax relief will now be given to those

who need to travel to temporary places of work, whether they start from home or the office. Formerly the taxman

had insisted that they deduct the cost of so-called ordinary

TRANSCO, BG's pipeline network, is overhauling its

structure as it embarks on its massive cost-reduction programme which includes the loss of 2,500 jobs. By next

spring, Transco will condense its 32 district operations

into 12 distribution zones. The move will separate out Transco's high-pressure network, putting that under the control of one director. Another director will be given full

Insurers study weather

A El MILLION project to study unpredictable and potentially

catastrophic weather events was launched in London yes-terday with the backing of the insurance industry and the

Government. Eight insurers and brokers, including Royal

Sun Alliance, Commercial Union and Sedgwick, have joined

the Department of Trade & Industry to fund the Tsunami

initiative, named after the Japanese tidal wave. The insurers

ANTOFAGASTA, the diversified industrial group with interests in Chile, raised pre-tax profits from £27 million to

£28.6 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings per

share rose from 11.9p to 13.4p and the interim dividend rises

from 2.0p to 2.25p. The shares rose 5p to 405p. The company

said lower copper prices were partly offset by very good results from its railway interests but appreciation of the

pound against the dollar cut reported profits by 6.1 per cent.

IAN BYATT, the water industry regulator, yesterday called

on the Government to set customer protection as his priority rather than the financial order of water companies. In a sub-

mission to the Department of Trade and Industry's review of

regulation, Mr Byatt also sets out a greater role for parlia-

mentary scrutiny of the regulatory process through the estab-

lishment of a select committee devoted to monitoring the

Byatt urges rethink

Celsis in US deal

will match the DTI's £480,000 grant over three years.

Antofagasta advances

responsibility for safety and service standards.

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Transco restructures

Ian Rodgers, director of policy at the UK Steel Association.

ruling on state aid

Minister seeks educational TV channels

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITTIL

CHRIS SMITH, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sports, is exploring ways of launching new television channels devoted to learning both for industry and schools and

Mr Smith made it clear yesterday that he was determined to ensure that the vast expansion of television channels expected in the UK next

Camelot

concedes

defeat

Camelot has finally con-ceded defeat in its battle to

block 49's, a rival numbers game run by bookmakers, but said it will call on

Parliament to help to sort out the confusion over

what constitutes a lottery.

erator has spent eight months trying to stop 49's, run by William Hill, Ladbrokes and Coral, in

which a lottery-style draw

is screened in betting

shops after the day's rac-

ing. The game is forecast to generate sales of £250

million a year.

Camelot is worried that

competition from 49's and other games will erode its

business, reducing the

amounts raised for good

causes. After failing in a bid to have 49's declared illegal

by the Director of Public

Prosecutions. Camelot went

to the High Court seeking a

judicial review. It later

mounted an unsuccessful

private prosecution, leaving

it facing an estimated £650,000 in costs. It was

Sales have picked up at

MFI, the furniture retailer. In the first 21 weeks of this

financial year, group sales were 8 per cent higher.

This compares with 5 per

cent growth in the first 9

weeks alone. UK sales

were up 9 per cent, while

French turnover fell 2 per

cent. Derek Hunt, chair-

tive market and strong

comparative figures last

Bid agreed

considering an appeal.

MFI ahead

The National Lottery op-

year through the launch of digital systems should not be entirely devoted to entertainment. In a year's time, if all goes according to plan,

viewers will be able to key into 200-channel cable and satellite television systems. There are also scheduled to be at least 40 channels on digital terrestrial systems, which can be viewed without either a satellite dish or cable

"I do want to ensure that we can use the expansion of broadcasting through the development of digital television to provide more educational programming." Mr Smith says. He would like to see an educational channel.

or even channels, created although he concedes that issues of funding are still uncertain. "I have opened up the discussion in Government," said Mr Smith, who added that he is particularly keen on adding television coverage to the planned University for Industry.

Previous attempts to use television to improve the skills of the British workforce have

had mixed results at best. The Open College started off with broadcasts on Channel 4 but they were deemed too expensive. The Open College has survived but as a mail order supplier of educational course material.

In the early 1990s the Conservative Government missed an opportunity to use the old satellites of British Satellite Broadcasting to launch an educational channel. Instead the satellites were sold at a knockdown price to Scandinavian broadcasters.

Alpha steps up duty-free campaign

ALPHA AIRPORTS, the aviation support services group. is to step up its campaign against plans to ban duty-free sales in the European Union

(Chris Ayres writes).
The company said a ban of sales would hit its retail operations severely, push up travel fares and put up to 140,000 jobs at risk.

Stuart Siddall. finance director, said: "If the ban goes ahead, liquor and tobacco sales will die completely at airports because there will be no price advantage at all to the high street." On Wednesday the Euro-

pean Commission ruled out the possibility of going back on its decision to abolish dutyfree sales.

Yesterday Alpha reported a 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £14 million for the six months to July 31. Earnings rose 16.5 per cent to 5.58p a share, and an interim divi dend of L75p (L84p) will be paid on October 10.

Rodney Galpin, left, Alpha Airports chairman, and Stuart Siddall, said a duty-free ban would hit retail operations Laura Ashley passes payout on warning of full-year loss

By SARAFI CUNNINGHAM

LAURA ASHLEY'S woes man, said the figures were deepened yesterday as the particularly grafifying in view of the highly competiretail group issued its third profit warning in five months and said it was launching a review that could lead to wideranging cost cuts. It also passed payment of the interim

Interoute Telecommunica-Ann Iverson, its American tions, the AIM-listed comchief executive, said trading, pany, yesterday agreed to particularly in home furnisha £24.7 million — 74p a ings, had deteriorated since

loss. Analysts, who a few months ago were looking for a £25 million pre-tax profit, are now expecting a £7.5 million loss. In the first half, it made a loss of E4.5 million against a pre-tax profit of E5.2 million a

Ms Iverson said that current trading in home furnishings is down 18 per cent, likefor-like, while garment sales, greatly aided by summer discounting, are up 7 per cent

age the company on a day-today basis. Analysts said his appointment, which is believed to be the work of John Thornton, the chairman, sidelines Ms Iverson, who has been mainly blamed for Laura Ashley's over-ambitious

ficer last week. He will man-

The group announced the disposal of two Welsh factories last month, and Mr Hoare is expected to take a close look at the effectiveness of the remaining factories.

Ms Iverson

proving the supply chain, particularly in furnishings where customers are expected to wait up to four months for delivery. She also said that she is determined to remain with the group and that no potenbuyers had made approaches.

The enthusiasm of Georgette Mosbacher, the Ameribusinesswoman who attempted to buy the company two years ago and who has expressed an interest since, appears to be dimming.

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performance. "I don't know how serious the erosion is, she said. She will not make any move unless she is contacted by the group's board. They [the board] know of my interest. This company cannot be bought without the company inviting someone in." Her last bid was spurned by Sir Bernard Ashley, co-

founder and largest single shareholder. Laura Ashley's shares fell 10

per cent at 59½ p. Commentary, page 29

CELSIS INTERNATIONAL, the hygiene testing company chaired by Jack Rowell, the former England rugby coach, is claiming a breakthrough after securing a distribution deal with Becton Dickinson, the US medical devices group. Becton Dickinson Microbiology Systems is a leading supplier of agar jelly plates used to test for microbes — an entrenched but much slower method than Celsis's systemSURE device. Celsis said the Becton Dickinson deal is worth \$10 million (£6.2 million).

Hewden-Stuart ahead

HEWDEN-STUART, the building and construction group, raised pre-tax profits by 28 per cent to £18.9 million in the six months to July 31 on sales up from £141.8 million to £148.5 million. Earnings rose from 3.56p a share to 4.9p. The interim dividend rises from 0.8p to 1p a share, although directors point out they are trying over the next three years to reduce the disparity between half-year and full-year payouts. Last year's total payout was 3.2p. The shares rose 3p to 1742p.

HR Owen pulls ahead

HR OWEN, the luxury car dealer, more than doubled pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30, from £1 million to £2.2 million. Sales of marques such as BMW, Mercedes, Porsche and Ferrari rose to £188 million (£170 million). Earnings rose to 0.85p (0.48p). An interim dividend of 0.4p (0.33p) will be paid on October 10. Owen is shedding its Peugeot and Nissan dealerships, and developing its up-market operations. The company said August had been a record month.

Acquisition for Alvis

ALVIS, the UK defence equipment manufacturer, has agreed to acquire Hägglunds Vehicle, a Scandinavian manufacturer of armoured vehicles, for a maximum consideration of almost £80 million. Hägglunds has a current order book of £369 million and earned pre-tax profits of £11.7 million on turnover of £103.6 million in 1996. Alvis will part-fund the acquisition via a rights issue of units in Alvis Funding, a subsidiary. Alvis shares rose 712p to 141p yesterday.

share — bid from Shaker, The review of costs is being the last profit warning a will therefore make a full-year appointed chief operating of current emphasis was on im- still likes the company, but has ITV drops Broadcast Board

to become more streamlined By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

THE ITV system has quietly dumped its Broadcast Board in a clear sign that it is determined to have a more streamlined structure and be-

come, in effect, ITV plc. The Broadcast Board, most recently chaired by Roger Laughton of United News & Media, was set up as the final authority in ITV, overseeing

grammes for national transmission.

Recently Richard Eyre, the former chief executive of Capital Radio, was appointed chief executive of ITV and David Liddiment has subsequently become network director.

As a result Mr Laughton has decided that there is no obvious role for the Broadcast

some residual body may still be legally necessary. What is clear is that ITV, do-

minated by three major players Carlton Communications, Granada and United - wants to ensure that it is commissioned as a single channel and move away from the old days when it was a federation of competing interests. There is a clear understanding that it has to behave more like a consortium to claw back audiences lost to

Thai rally bolstered by reforms

By Alasdair Murray

THAI financial markets jumped sharply again yester-day as optimism grows that the country is beginning to solve its political and econom-

ic problems.

The Thai stock market climbed 3.7 per cent, closing up 20.34 points at 567.36. It was the sixth consecutive daily rise in a rally that has seen the market climb about 8.5 per cent this week.

The Thai currency, the baht, also rose slightly to reach 35 to the dollar - consolidating a 5 per cent gain across the week.

Thai markets have been bolstered by the International Monerary Fund's increasingly vocal support for the country's reform plans. IMF officials, speaking at the close of the fund's annual meeting in Hong Kong yesterday, again expressed confidence that its \$17 billion rescue package would bring positive results.

investors have been tempted back to the market by indications that the Thai Government will weather a noconfidence debate in parliament and a new draft

Britannia insists loss will not hit loyalty bonuses

BRITANNIA Building Society insisted yesterday that payments to members under its new loyalty scheme would not be affected by a £14 million provision for losses in its Britannia Life subsidiary.

The provision, caused by the removal of advance corporation tax relief for pension funds in the Budget, took its toll of the society's half-year

Despite strong growth in Britannia's core business of savings and mortgages, pretax profits slipped back from £57.3 million for the six months to June last year to £48.8 million for the same period this year. Britannia Life recorded a profit of £10.3 million in the same period last

loyalty bonus scheme and we see no reason why we would be unable to match the £37 million we paid out to members in 1996. It will have no impact on holders of life

Mr Bayley said that Britan-

nia Life was not for sale and that the board was not currently in talks with any potential buyers. The review that uncovered the losses at the life subsidiary began earlier this year and

will be completed by December. The provision is to cover a shortfall between actuarial calculations made in the past and new calculations of future The core building society

business lifted pre-tax profits 30 per cent to £56.8 million. Bad and doubtful debts were reduced to £1.6 million from £7.1 million.

Britannia said that an esti-

the work of the Network Board and no further meet-Centre which is responsible ings have been scheduled. It is still unclear whether, under for commissioning more than £600 million a year in prothe 1990 Broadcasting Act, the BBC and satellite television. Try BT's 0800 for three months. (Before your competitors do.) BT are already helping thousands of businesses gain a competitive edge. And now you can try an 0800 number for 3 months, so there's no need to get left behind. Why not change the way we work: BT \$ Try an 0800 number for 3 months for only £25 plus call charges.

mated 25,000 carpetbaggers opened accounts in the past 12 Trevor Bayley, group fimonths, taking the number of members to 1.5 million. nance director, said: There is constitution will win approval. | no threat to our members'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TORYO

SQUADS of prosecutors and securities watchdog officials raided the head office of Nikko Securities and the homes of its top executives yesterday as the Tokyo extortion scandal engulied the last of Japan's big four brokers.

Prosecutors suspect Nikko made illicit payments totalling about 14 million yen (£73,600) to Ryuichi Koike, the sokaiya or corporate racketeer at the centre of a scandal that now involves all of the nation's leading securities houses.

Investigators searched the homes of Takuya Iwasaki, Nikko's chairman, and Kiichiro Takao, the president, amid news

reports that both men intend to resign soon, along with other top executives.

Securities team raids Nikko

Extortion inquiry reaches last of big Tokyo brokers

The Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission searched for evidence that Nikko was pressured by Mr Koike into making payoffs in 1995 to compensate for losses incurred in stock trading. The money was alleged to have been intended to buy Mr Koike's silence after he threatened to disclose compromising information at a shareholders' meeting.

The sokaiva specialise in extorting money from companies by becoming shareholders and threatening to reveal corporate malpractices at shareholders' meetings. Such payoffs violate Japan's commercial code, while the securities and exchange law bans reimbursement

brokerages were approached by Mr Kolke, who bought 300,000 shares in each, and all paid up to avoid embarrassment. Mr Koike is under arrest for allegedly demanding money from Nomura Securities, Japan's biggest brokerage, and Yamaichi. He is also suspected of taking payoffs from Daiwa, the second

largest broker.
The investigation has revealed that Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, the leading commercial bank, also yielded to pressure and made illicit payments.

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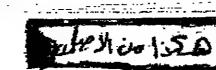
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yesterday, and it seems destined to remain relatively high. The

British economy is in good shape, the legacy of the last Government

but one that the current regime seems loath to destroy. The con-

sequence will continue to be

strong sterling, but our better businesses should find that a price worth paying.

Yony Greener, the Guinness

chairman, has clammed

up on the subject of Bernard Arnault. When he unveiled

the latest Guinness trading fig-

ures earlier this week, he de-

clared that all negotiations with

the volatile Frenchman were now

to be conducted in private rather

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This is frustrating for journal-

ists and analysts but probably good sense. And it will almost

certainly incense M Arnault, who does like to be noticed. It

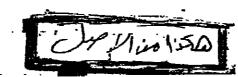
might even persuade him to produce his new ideas for how he

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ears, you will be delighted to know, "has continued to make progress on the strategic initiatives announced in April of this year.

Well, that is the way the company sees it. Anyone other than the ex-railwayman and his incompetent colleagues who are responsible for running the business might be inclined towards a different conclusion. To the unbiased eye, the latest news from Sears is dire on almost every front.

Not only is the company writing off about £150 million as the cost of pulling out of its shoe businesses but it is also seeing trading profits in every one of its divisions, at best, failing to record any growth

and, at worst, tumbling.

Given that the high street has been supposed to be enjoying something of a boom of late, it is hard to see quite how Sears can divine any progress in this performance.
At least across the road at

Laura Ashley, the company was

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prepared to admit that all is not going according to plan. But the fact that it will not now manage to scrabble into the black this year is due to the fact that "We moved ahead too fast, too soon ..." After all this time, it might be expected that the company ought to have learnt how to walk, and should be ready to run, but the problems went beyond mere enthusiasm. In fact, just about

everything was wrong, from

systems to garment buying, stock

replenishment, supply chain and

Two cases of foot-in-mouth disease

the cost base. Such a litany of errors does beg the question of what the highly paid chief exec-utive has been doing in her first couple of years at Laura Ashley. The answer is that, like Liam Strong, her former counterpart at Sears, she has been talking too much and employing the wrong people to actually make things

Sir Richard Greenbury, the Marks & Spencer chairman, has never been accused of verbosity. He just gets on with ensuring that M&S sells the right merchandise at the right prices as efficiently as possible. That is why his company has been one of the chief beneficiaries of the increased consumer spending that has been concerning the Chancellor.

Shoes sell at M&S quite happily, but Sears can barely give them away. Its footwear opera-tions lost nearly £20 million in just a half year."

But there is no joy to be found elsewhere in the group. Freemans, the catalogue business, saw its profits fall from £13 million to £8.5 million. If Margaret Beckett does allow Littlewoods to proceed with its purchase of the company, it is hard to see there not being



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pressure for a little renegotiation

over the price.
Yesterday Sears indicated that if the President of the Board of Trade blocks the sale on monopolies grounds, then the business will be floated sepa-rately. Sir Bob Reid may believe that he could find the flannel to fill the prospectus, and on the basis of the guff he handed out yesterday, he probably could. But investors are surely not so dim as to swallow it.

Economy still confounds bears

hen a well-respected analyst opines that the FISE will top 7,000 by the turn of the century, it is tempting to enjoy the sense of optimism, even if his views are delivered as part of a marketing effort by NatWest.

But while Bob Semple appears to be encouraging clients to pile in to the stock market, there is ample reason to be practise a little self-restraint. Elsewhere in the City there is an overriding view that the markets, both here and on Wall Street, are looking toppy. Indeed, to some eyes, they have been looking overvalued for many months and at considerably lower levels.

At PDFM, Tony Dye and his team were among the first to come to the view that shares were overvalued, and to cut their exposure to equities, Their reasoning has not changed, al-though in the intervening months they have seen other houses reap the benefits of sticking with the stock market. Now their stance obliges PDFM to maintain that the crash will come, and that when it does it will be so drastic as to more than vindicate their early commitment to bearishness.

But while the PDFM stance is extreme, the consensus is that a reaction is overdue, with a fall of between 10 and 15 per cent being

widely predicted. The majority of investors may be inclined to wait for that to take place before moving in to enjoy the ride that Mr Semple is predicting.

Yet there is little in the current appropriate picture to present the

economic picture to presage the widely expected fall. The latest economic news continues to paint an encouraging picture of sound, steady growth. The July trade figures were so good, that even the City optimists were somewhat taken aback. Despite the strength of the pound, exporter appear to be continuing to find customers. Although the month by month figures can be erratic, the three month trend underlines the

happy picture. While some mouthpieces of the export industry cannot resist the knee-jerk reaction that a strong pound will cripple overseas sales, the evidence is that the increased sophistication of most British exports does allow some flexibility

The pound charged further

fit of his LVMH. Mr Greener and George Bull, his counterpart at GrandMet, are still waiting to see the proposals.

Both companies give every indication of being sanguine about M Arnault's ability to scupper their deal, despite his threats of using the French courts in tear appart the distribucourts to tear apart the distribu-tion contracts that he has with Guinness. It can be assumed that they have paid their lawyers for advice to back up that sanguinity, just as M Amault has paid

Of course, the Frenchman has invested heavily in acquiring II per cent each of the two companies. But what influence does that level of share holding bring him? There is no doubt that CMG, when it finally bursts upon the corporate scene, would benefit from being linked more closely with Moet Hennessy, but on their terms, not M Arnault's.

Fast forward

ON WEDNESDAY, this column suggested that the top team at Pearson was doing more than twiddle its thumbs. Yesterday's announcement of a deal with Spain's largest company, Telefonica, is evidence of that. It is a nifty arrangement that catapults Pearson straight into the heart of the Latin American television market and should prove enough to keep Pearson's prowling TV boss, Greg Dyke, occupied for a while.

German woe takes toll of Redland

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

MORE than £312 million was losses from disposals and with wiped from the value of Redland as the market took fright at a warning over continuing problems in Germany where 550 jobs are to be axed.

Redland's fresh concern over its German operations took the market by surprise and the share price fell ollap to a new low of 220p. The company said that turnover in Germany had fallen 16 per cent in July and August and was likely to continue into next year. It is expected to take a charge of DM50 million (£17 million) in the second half for the first round of restructuring costs which will involve plant closures.

The roofing and aggregates business delivered its blow half-year pre-tax profits from £95.5 million to £34.5 million aithough the bulk of the fail came from the company's loss on a series of disposals. In the six months to June 30 it ran up losses of E36.2 million from selling businesses.

Further damage came from the strength of sterling, Redland said. It said that without the a constant exchange rate its pre-tax profits would have been little changed year on year. Last year, however, Redland suffered poor trade because of harsh weather in continental Europe,

Robert Napier, chief executive, said the extent of the problems in the German market - which delivers far more than a quarter of Redland's turnover - had not been expected. "It took us by surprise and it certainly took the market by surprise." Mr Napier blamed the high cost of reunification which was hitting the new housing market.

Simon Brown, construction analyst at Williams de Broë, said: "We had been promised German operation but now it looks as though it is going to be

Redland aims to cut 10 per cent off the cost base in Germany. The dividend, due on December 15, is held at 5.5p and will be paid as a foreign income

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Benfield to profits take over accelerate **Greig Fester**

By Jason Nisse

BENFIELD, the reinsurance group built up by the late Matthew Harding, is to take over its rival, Greig Fester, in a £120 million deal which will create the world's largest independent reinsurance broker.

John Coldman, who took over as chairman of Benfield when Mr Harding was killed in a helcopter crash last year. said the move will marry Benfield's entrepreneurial skills with Greig Fester's reputation for risk modelling, creating a firm with a turn-over of more than £3 billion a

year. He said that there were no plans to float the company, will be renamed Benfield Greig Group, despite speculation since Mr Harding's death that the company would come to market.

Benfield is paying £100 mil-lion in cash and £20 million in shares for Greig Fester. It will slightly dilute the 30 per cent holding of the Harding trust, which benefits Mr Harding's former wife and mistress as vell as his children.

Mr Harding joined Benfield as an office junior in 1973 and built the reinsurer into a group valued at £400 million.

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Avis Europe

By OUR CITY STAFF

AVIS EUROPE, the car-rental company that floated on the stock market in April, raised pre-tax profits by 33 per cent to £40.9 million in the six months to August 31 on sales down from £276 million to £267 million.

The company yesterday be-came the first British-listed stock to publish results in European currency units (eco) which showed revenues up 13.6 per cent and earnings up by 66 per cent. Avis believes the ecu figures better represent its pan-European opera-tions, ready for full-company

accounts in ecu.

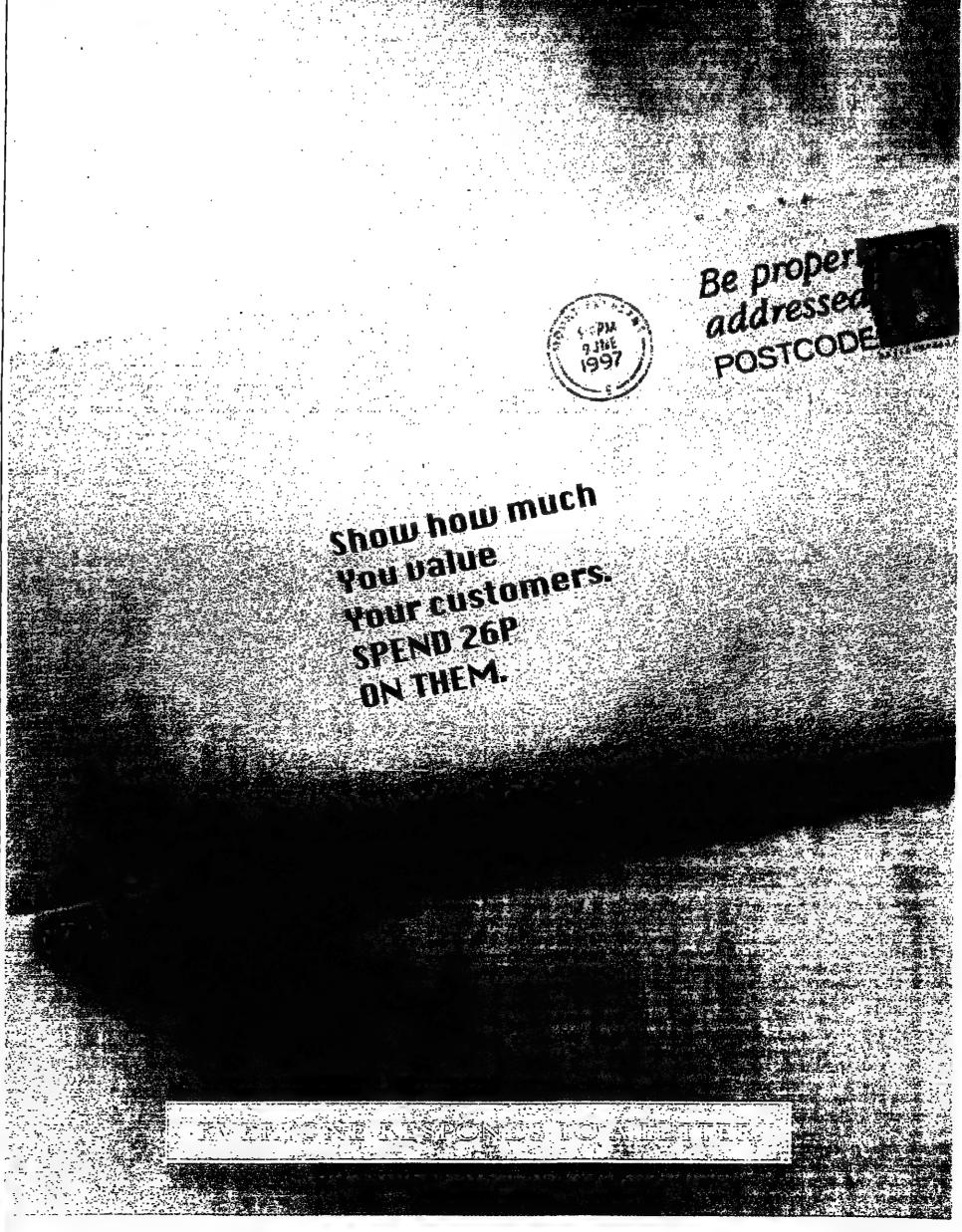
Alun Cathcart, chairman and chief executive, hopes further industry consolidation and economic growth will allow rental prices in Europe to increase moderately over four to five years.

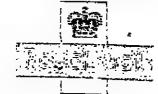
He believes that as car makers quit the rental industry the independent hire companies will be able to achieve an economic return.

The shares rose lp to 149½ p. Earnings rose 22 per cent to 5.62p out of which a 1.25p interim dividend will be paid.

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Cautious analysts pull a cloudy pint for brewers

terials groups combined to cast a cloud over a market in search of inspiration.

Cautious comment from analysts in response to trading news from brewing and pub groups cut a swath through the sector leaving prices 1.5 per

Wolverhampton & Dudley was one of the hardest hit as its shares dropped 37p to 520p. The slide followed the group's warning of poor summer trading and its planned disposal of

Among the largest brewers Bass fell 172p to 831p while Scottish & Newcastle closed 142p lower at 723p and Whitbread 42p off to 7942p. Greenalls was again under pressure after its trading statement on Wednesday prompted analysts' downgrades. Its share fell back 14p to 400p, a two-year low. Regent Inus was also unwanted, and ended off 202p to 3032p.

Others also proving susceptible included Vaux Group, off 6p to 257 p while Greene King fell 82 p to 705 p.

A weaker opening on Wall Street did little to encourage London prices but by the close the FTSE 100 had pulled back from its lowest levels. The index of leading shares closed at 5,065.5, down 11.7, with more than 800 million shares traded. Dismal interim profits from Redland and worries over the cost of its exposure to the German market hit shares in the building materials group. The price plunged 61 p to 220p, which took the price to a new low.

Others in the sector felt the chill with BPB losing 13½ p to 335½ p while RMC ended 312p lower at 975p. Overall the sector lost nearly 3 per cent of its value.

There were some brighter patches to be found with selected retailers drawing investors interest. GUS ahead of its annual meeting today, put on 14½p to 687p, helped also by an encouraging report from Freemans, the Sears subsidiary. Boots was also in demand, up 9p to 8722p, with Carpetright up 812p to 521p. Trading in Sears shares was busy after its announcement of interim figures and its decision to quit shoe retailing. down just ¹2 p at 58p. News of rising sales at MFI

Ashley dropped 6½p to 59p

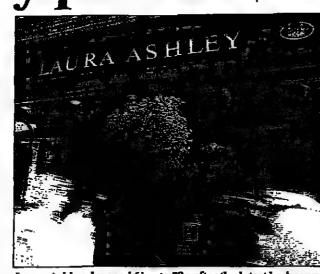
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Laura Ashley dropped 612 p to 59p after the latest bad news

after the latest round of bad news from the retailer.

Shell once again saw heavy trade with almost 86 million shares changing hands ahead of next Monday's dividend payout. Banks were again in demand with HSBC Holdings making progress. HSBC put on 16½p to 520.23½ while Royal Bank of Scotland was the best of the retail banks with a 64p increase to 658p. Shares in Northern Rock enjoyed a quieter day in grey market trading with IG Index quoting prices in the range of

Granada continued to benefit from its presentations to brokers and talk of plans to sell its chain of Heritage Hotels. Its shares were marked 11p higher to 8752p. Rank put on a late burst to notch up a 10p gain to 363½p

MIXED INGREDIENTS FOR FTSE all-share 2,700

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ANALYSTS have been running slide rules over the food groups before a number of them report results. Northern Foods put on 72p to 244 p, on talk of brokers upgrading earnings fore-casts, while Unigate followed suit with a 15p jump

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Dairy Crest was also in demand, bubbling up 54p to 271 2p. A buy recommendation also tempted investors to look at Book-

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ing back after its recent de cline and ended the day 97/21 higher at 555p. The rise was attributed to buying on recen weakness and encouragin results from trials. Scoti Holdings leapt 41 2p to 47721 on hopes for a new produc under development for use a a diet aid.

Pearson's alliance with Spanish group Telefónica was well received, helping the shares to rise 7p to 783p while news of renewed merger talks between cable television groups Telewest and NTL. pushed Telewest 4p higher to

Meconic, the speciality chemicals and drugs group, came under pressure after its profits warning on Wednes-day. Its shares fell 5212p to 2625 p, their lowest level this

Eidos, the computer games group jumped 572p to 7572p on hopes for its Tomb Raider game while new issue Science Systems notched up a 16p premium at 145p on its first day of trading on AIM.

Shares in Boosey & Hawkes ran back 112's p to 8372p after the group said an initial interest undervalued the group.

GILT-EDGED: The mar-

ket recovered from early weakness in reaction to US economic data. The focus of attention was the £1.5 billion auction of Treasury 2021 gilts which was covered 2.33 times. This said dealers was healthy and buying interest in the market was reflected in the increased volumes, with 114,000 contracts completed. The December series of the long gilt closed up E232 at £118.

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Grey skies over Redland

REDLAND is adamant that its dividend will not be cut but investors will wonder whether this smacks more of bravado than good financial sense. Underlying earnings per share of some 20p for the current year may be similar to last year's numbers, providing adequate if not ample cover for a 16.7p payout. But that is to ignore a likely £18 million charge in the second half for the restructuring of Braas, the German roof tiles business, and more to come. Redland's proposed transfer of its French aggregates business into a joint venture with Lafarge is to be cash neutral but could involve a write-down of assets acquired

at considerable expense from Steetley in 1992. Redland's past mistakes seem to cling to it like limpets. After selling a business here and writing down an overvalued asset there. another problem pops up to spoil its recovery

hopes. Germany is the latest sore and could be the most difficult to heal. The sudden sales downturn in the summer is worrying, not just . because Germany accounts for half of groupprofits, but because Redland has only a voice in the boardroom rather than control, despite. its 56 per cent equity interest. To achieve the 10 per cent reduction in fixed costs, announced yesterday. Redland will have had to persuade a reluctant family board over a period of months that cuts were necessary.
Without complete control of the most

productive asset, Redland makes a less than compelling target, despite its current weakness. A bidder would have no right to seize the cashflow of Braas and the agreement with Redland may contain pre-emption rights for the family shareholder. Anyone keen on this sector would do better with RMC or Hanson.

Alpha Airports

ALPHA AIRPORTS is either very cheap or very troubled but probably both. Floated at 140p from the uninspiring Forte stable, the company never delivered its promise. Instead its mainly private investors learnt much about weak margins and short-term contracts in the airline catering business as the company lost an important contract with Brit-

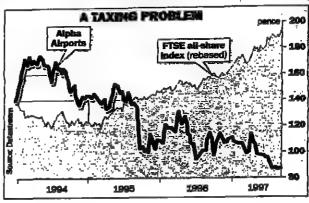
ish Airways. Meanwhile, airport retailing has proven as troublesome, not least when your landlord turns out to be an active competitor, not just a rent collector. BAA has decided that it can do a better job of flogging booze and fags than the average dutyfree retailer and is not renewing the management contracts from Alpha when they expire. Add to that the loss of

duty-free sales in Europe, and a significant profit reduction is ahead. Alpha's current problem is to decide what sort of animal it is.

diversification into ground services at airports sits oddly with retailing. which has little to do with catering. An investment by Mohamed Al Fayed, owner of Harrods, provides a spec-

ulative element and an agreement not to bid comes to an end in November. However, Mr Al Fayed

has other concerns and it is difficult to see why Harrods needs Alpha to expand in airport retailing. His investment at about 125p is looking a bit sad but buyers for a stake in this odd group of businesses will be few.



Pearson

SHOCK! There are signs of life at Pearson. When Marjorie Scardino became chief executive in January, the City braced itself for a shakeup of proportions. Eight months on, and barring a few small disposals, little has changed and the disappointment is reflected in the underperforming shares.

The body twitched vester

day when Pearson unveiled a broad alliance with Telefónica, the Spanish phone company. Telefónica will buy a 20 per cent stake in Recoletos, Pearson's Spanish publishing company, for E92.4 million. Recoletos, in turn will used half the proceeds to buy 10 per cent of Antena 3, one of Spain's top commercial broadcasters. The investment in Antena 3 will provide an outlet for es, which includes Grundy, producer of Neighbours. More importantly, Pearson

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to use Telefónica's extensive cable businesses in Latin America as programming distribution channels. The beauty of the deal is

that the alliance with Telefònica requires no pay-ment from Pearson. The only cost was the dilution of its investment in Recoletos from 96 per cent to 76 per cent. This deal constitutes no change of direction at Pearson. It does show that the new bosses have rolled up their sleeves, but the City will expect more before it rerates

Avis Europe

THE sale of General Motors' 15 per cent holding in Avis Europe when the car rental company floated in April was a sign pointing the way ahead for the sector.

Alun Cathcart, chairman Europe, believes that free-dom from the clutches of the big auto companies offers opportunities to improve earnings and margins over the next four to five years. Armslength purchasing of vehicles from manufacturers should keep capacity under control and leave the rental industry operating on a level playing field. Likewise, the public accountability of quoted rental companies should ensure the transparency of reported profits.

General Motors' great rival Ford has already floated 25 per cent of the Hertz rental company and made a complete exit from the Budget Rentacar operation in America, now quoted in the US. Profit margins in the American car rental market are already improving as a result.

Forecasts for Avis Europe havwe been upgraded to £75 million for its first year on the stockmarket, suggesting a forward multiple of 15.5 on earnings of 9.6p. Investors tht in the float should hold on for the expected industry improvement.

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In 1986 we drank 192 pints

per head of the population, according to the Brewers & Licensed Retailers Associ-

ation. Last year this fell to 180

pints per head. Over the same

period beer production fell from 36.6 million barrels to

Meanwhile, competition

from abroad strengthened.

Imported beer sales rose from

1.2 million barrels to 2.1 mil-

lion barrels, and this does not

take into account beer brought

in by private consumers or

mushroomed since restric-

tions on personal imports were relaxed. The BLRA says

one in every six pints drunk in

the home has been shipped

been on a falling trend, for a

variety of demographic reasons. The first was the decline

in heavy manufacturing in-

dustry; others since include

the drink-driving laws, the

ageing of the population and

the trend towards healthier

er workforce, while better

roads have always signalled

the demise of the local brew-

ery - significantly, neither Al-

loa nor Wrexham (two of the three breweries being closed)

is well connected to the motor-

Yesterday's closures clearly

signal that Carlsberg-Tetley is

prepared to lose sales rather

than embark on a damaging

price war. But the result can

only be the further strengthen-

ing of the big players, espe-

cially Bass and Scottish &

Newcastle with their strong

market positions, 23 and 28

per cent respectively, and

strong brands such as Carling

Black Label and Foster's, The process becomes self-fulfill-ing; only the big companies can afford the marketing

spend to keep their brands

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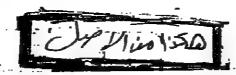
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Beer consumption has long

across the Channel,

smugglers, a trade that has

35.4 million barrels.



US has been doing since the early 1990s and what Norman

Lamont and Kenneth Clarke did in Britain when they an-nounced their post-dated tax increases after Black Wednes-

day from 1993 to 1995. By all

accounts these points were being made forcefully even

before the Japanese tax rise by the three key participants in G7 meetings: Robert Rubin, the

US Treasury Secretary, Larry

Summers, his deputy, and

Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Why, then, have the Japan-ese refused to budge? Two obv-

ious reasons are political pride

and the remnants of mercantil-

ist thinking. There is, however,

a third apparently more respectable reason. The Japa-

nese claim that they must raise

taxes and reduce budget defi-

cits because their government debt is growing to alarming

levels. Japan's gross public

debt was 86 per cent of GDP at the end of 1996, according to

OECD figures. This was much

higher than America's 64 per

cent and far above the Maas-

tricht limit of 60 per cent adopt-

ed in Europe. Reducing the

public debt burden, say the

Japanese, is more urgent than

short-term economic manage

ment, especially since the age

ing of the population will im-

pose far greater strains on pub-

lic finance in the next century.

markets. Yet it is dubious at

best. Although the Japanese

appear high by international standards, this is largely

because of a quirk in the

country's public accounting. A

large part of the gross public debt is actually owned by the

Government's own social sec-

urity trust fund. Taking ac-

count of government bonds and other debts owed by one-

part of the Government to

another, Japan's net public

debt was only 14 per cent of GDP in 1996 — and has shrunk

substantially since the 1980s, as

also much lower in Japan than

it is in America or indeed in any

other G7 country.
The Japanese claim that the

immense assets of the social

security system should not be

counted as part of the Govern-

ment's balance sheet, since they

argument has been widely accepted, both in Washington

and in the financial

ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Japan's meltdown matters to an economy like ours

Tokyo's policy could distort competition in many

industries and economies

ast weekend's meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bank governors, followed immediately by the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Hong Kong, seemed to come up with no conclusions of any significance to anyone.

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The ministers failed, to their shame, to do anything about Gordon Brown's proposals on debt relief for the most impoverished developing nations as eloquently explained by Janet Bush on this page on Tuesday. The G7 also failed, to their credit, to endorse Japan's plan to spend \$150 billion of G7 taxpayers' money to bail out currupt South-East Asian governments and bankers. Most importantly, they failed to agree on any new measures to stabilise currencies, strengthen the international banking system, correct trade imbalances or co-ordinate global growth. For this last set of omissions the world should, on balance, be truly grateful. G7 initiatives have a long history, going back to the notorious "concerted action" of the late 1970s, of addressing the wrong prob-lems at the wrong time with the wrong tools. And if ever there was a time when global macroeconomic initiatives were not needed, it would seem to be today when most parts of the world economy are doing remarkably well

There is, however, one economic issue of truly global significance that the G7 probably should have addressed in Hong Kong — and perhaps they even did in the discretion issue is the collapse of the Japanese economy, in some ways the worst economic upheaval to have hit a leading industrial country since the Second World War. Japan's economy, which grew at an average annual rate of 6.4 per cent from 1960 until 1991 and was at the top of every conceivable league table of economic performance, then suddenly became consistently the worst performer in the G7. In the six years since 1991 Japan has suffered an African-style average growth rate of 1.3 per

cent. Even this dismal average was only achieved because of a powerful burst of economic activity last year. This burst of strength was directly attributable to the most aggressively expansionary demand management policy ever undertaken by a modern government.

The Bank of Japan's discount rate was reduced to 0.5 per cent and commercial bank rates were pushed below even this derisory level, the yen was devalued by a quarter and the Government simultaneously

JAPAN IS BACK IN RECESSION. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND UNEMPLOYMENT GDP (per cent change ...AND IT CAN AFFORD A FISCAL REFLATION NET GOVERNMENT DEBT* (as per cent of GDP)

increased its cyclically adjusted sumption and investment. As a budget deficit by the equivalent of 2 per cent of GDP. This sulted in a growth rate of 3.6 per cent last year and Japanese officials concluded in the auturns that the economy had finally turned the corner. It was then that they made their next

disastrous mistake. In April this year the Japanese Government imposed one of the biggest tax increases in the country's postwar history, reducing the structural public sector deficit by 1.3 per cent of GDP in a single year. The deflationary impact on the economy was exactly what any Keynesian model would have predicted - and indeed did predict. With interest rates already at zero, and no scope for any further easing of monetary policy to offset the impact of higher taxes. It was this formula of monetary easing combin-ed with fiscal tightening that worked so well in Britain in 1981 and 1994, America in 1992-94 and Italy this year. In Japan, by contrast, there has been no monetary compensation for higher taxes and as a result the whole of the fiscal contraction

fed straight into lower con-

result, the economy has collapsed since April, with gross second quarter at an incredible annualised rate of 13 per cent. This is all very interesting,

but what has it to do with the G7? The collapse of domestic activity and the sharp rise in the country's admittedly very low level of unemployment are matters for the Japanese themselves to sort out. here are, however, two features of the Japa-

nese economic meltdown that are of legitimate interest to the rest of the world - and particularly to the the US. One is the possibility that a further weakening of the Japanese economy will trigger a financial crisis and possibly force Japanese investors to liquidate their enormous hold-

ings of US Treasury bonds.

The second — and more important — is that Japan's only hope of economic salvation, as long as the Government sticks to its present policies of fiscal retrenchment, will be to increase its penetration of world export markets and to cut back on its already

tainment. Intentional or not, this policy is certainly working. Japan's export volumes are

the past two years, are suddenly almost stagnant. What makes this problem particularly susceptible to G7 action is that the solution is obvious to almost everyone outside lanan.

In essence, Japan should reverse its premature fiscal retrenchment. It should cut taxes. It should then wait to restore its fiscal policy to balance after domestic demand in the economy is strong enough to withstand the depressing effect of a sharp reduction in the budget deficit. This is exactly what the

low imports from the rest of the world. Japan will continue to drain demand, and therefore European countries. Japanese companies with huge domestic investments financed at zerointerest rates in a stagnant home market will distort longterm competitive conditions in many key industries, ranging from motor vehicles and elec-tronics to banking and enter-

reflect responsibilities for future pensions. But the same could be said of the unfunded pensions liabilities of the American and every other governnow growing by more than 10 per cent annually, their fastest rate since 1985. Imports, which ment. More importantly, the Japanese attitude misconstrues had been growing strongly in the essential feature of pensions funding. The ability to pay future pensions will de-pend not on the paper assets theoretically held by the social security funds, but on the ability of the economy to pro-duce the profits, wages and tax revenues in the future. The only way for the Japanese or any other government to ensure that there will be enough money to pay future pensions is to achieve adequate economic growth. If high taxes condemn

Japan to stagnation and trade wars today, how will it pay its pensioners tomorrow?

Fall guy

INSTEAD of my usual picture of a rich, complacent business-man in a suit, I can today bring you a rich, scared businessman in a suit being pushed over Vic-toria Falls. He is Jonathan Oppenheimer, of Anglo American Corporation, and he is doing the longest bungee jump in the world. While dressed for the of-fice, complete with briefcase. It is not a charity stant. It raises two questions. Why? And given just how rich Oppenheimer is, how much did the escapade cost to insure?

MARTIN WALLER



Jonathan Oppenheimer dives off the Victoria Falls Bridge in a bungee jump

Why Beckett was unable to stop brewing trouble

one of history's unan-swered what-ifs; did the decision by Margaret Beckett in June to block the purchase by Bass of Carlsberg-Terley hasten yesterday's brewery closures?

The Transport and General Workers' Union, for one, seems split. While the local branch secretary at Wrexham was insisting that Bass had promised none of the breweres would close, his head office claimed that the news would have been much worse if the

when the deal was still being scrutinised in March, recalled Brian Revell, the T&G's national secretary for the drinks industry, the union had said that some 2,000 jobs were under threat if it went through and 1,000 at risk if it

The truth is that while Bass says it had hoped to keep the breweries open, perhaps with a smaller workforce, there was clear overlap between the two businesses' distribution networks, and this is where those job losses forecast by the union would have fallen.

Once the deal was blocked, the writing was on the wall. The whole thing doesn't come as an enormous surprise," admits Nigel Popham, drinks analyst at Teather & Greenwood, the stockbroker. "You could argue that Mrs Beckett probably didn't un-derstand the issues very well. I don't think she realised how the industry worked and what the consequences would be." Her dilemma was that the

merger would clearly lead to job losses. That was its rationale; Bass would take over a smaller, weaker competitor and become Britain's biggest brewer, with a market share approaching 40 per cent. But this dominance could only be exploited by cost savings.

would clearly limit competition within brewing, by reducing the main players from four to three. What she may not have realised is the desperate position this left Carlsberg-Tetley in. The company's biggest sup ply agreement, of 4,000 Allied

take its trade elsewhere.

"Carlsberg-Tetley are tak-

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Allied business is lost.

At the same time the co-

So she blocked a deal that

Domecq pubs on terms attractive to the brewer, expires at is under negotiation. Allied, which is now out of brewing. can be as tough as possible on price and even threaten to

ing a very cautious line on their sales over the next few years, said Mr Popham. They are having to focus

Martin Waller

blocking a merger will not prevent

more on profitable business, if necessary at the expense of sales." He expects the compa-ny's market share to fall in the short term from 14 to 10 per cent, and go even lower if the

consolidation

Allied is not the only pub vner taking a tough line with the brewers. The growth of imported brands; the switching by some consumers to wine, cider or even alcopops; greater sales of nondrink items, especially food as consumers eat out more: even the growth of the specialist theme pub: all make the amount of beer that passes across the bar less important to pub profits.

alescing of various small chains of pubs - many created after the 1989 Beer Orders that forced the big brewers to sell part of their huge estates into larger groups gives these bigger players greater bargaining power with the brewers. This week's deal for Nomura to buy the Inntrepre-



Mr Popham, of Teather &

Greenwood, said: "In a marketplace where brands are becoming more important, both to pub owners and consumers, Carlsberg-Tetley aren't really in the game. The market will over time purely by organic means be increasingly dominated by two companies."

BUSINESSILETTER

Beckett blocked deal

More to non-executive work than one day a month

comment by those who should know better is all too common. From Mr Geoffrey Parker Sir, As a non-executive direc-tor myself, albeit of lesser

companies than the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, I must protest at the comment (Business, September 11) that Kenneth Clarke ".. receives £18,000 a year for devoting one day a month to [his] position ...". This sort of

The public should be made aware that a non-executive director of an active company is in receipt of a constant flow of paperwork which he must digest and be prepared to discuss: that he is not infrequently engaged on the tele-phone with fellow directors or

company officials: and, most importantly, that in law he is a director of the company not merely for one day a month but for 365 days a year. £18,000 a year is a little less than £50 a day. Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY PARKER 6 The Green Walk,

Chingford, E4.

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Sold out

THE cupboard is pretty well bare at BZW's retail team. In fact, Tony Shiret is the only one left after the departure of David McCarthy, food retail analyst, to NatWest Securities. Bruce Hubbard, his colleague, went to Capels earlier this week. Charlie Nichols, Shiret's colleague on the general retailing team, went to Capels a couple of weeks ago. At least one specialist sales-man has gone too. All rather ironic, because there have been rumours floating around for some time that Shiret was



"Gentlemen, it's grim news, our jobs appear

being poached for some huge sum. But he was still there last night. "I'm definitely not going to Salomons," he said. "And I'm definitely happy at BZW." One person who is leaving the new BZW offices at Canary Wharf is David Simpson, though. The investment banker who specialised in working with venture capital houses is heading for David Beever's team at KPMG Corporate Finance. He is spending his gardening leave before December learning to fly.

☐ MICK NEWMARCH, the bruiser ejected from the Pru-dential at the start of 1995, has popped up again and will shortly be running another public company for the first time since then. The man once in charge of one of the biggest players in financial services will in four days time arrive as chairman of ... Bourne End Properties. You know. Bourne End Properties. The property company. No, I had never heard of it either.

InterFlight

KNOW computers are getting brighter, but I have just



more miles in the air than Richard Branson — and flying solo. In January Paul Griffin, a partner at Ashurst Morris Crisp, travelled on BA to Singapore. He got there, but his luggage, including one of the firm's laptop computers in its own bag, didn't. Months later, back in London, he had written the machine off when his company picked up a message on the Internet.

The laptop had been found on a KLM flight from Vancouver to Amsterdam. A KLM employee whose hobby was computers was handed it. He broke the security code, don't ask me how, worked out whose it was and sent the message. The computer would not say how it got to Vancou-

ver. In fact, it threw a complete sulk. It seems the beast had planned a safari holiday in Kenya after the Amsterdam trip, and it was too late to cancel and get all its money back.

Logged off NOW the office PC can do the

firing." says a jaunty little let-ter from a software house to give any publicity. Yes, firms can buy a program that will sack their employees properly and without running foul of wrongful dismissal claims or, presumably, having to look them in the eye. All the legal paperwork necessary to get rid of troublesome people on the payroll", it promises. And a special bit for firing people for being drunk.

Isn't the modern world wonderful? □ ALLEN & OVERY, the firm

of City lawyers, had an intellectual property reception this week, whatever that may be. Very jolly, in the courtyard of its palatial City offices. Part of the entertainment was a medieval jester juggling and doing tricks. "He had all this foreign money, like ecus and dollars," my informant tells me, "and he made them all disappear." A trick that lawyers have always been rather good at . . .

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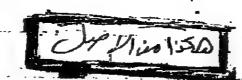
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COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE

Change and challenge in Middle England

Craig Seton introduces a three-page report on an area poised for an economic boom

and innovation rank high in the strategy to regenerare and diversify the economy of Warwickshire and in particular of Coventry, its biggest city, into the next century.

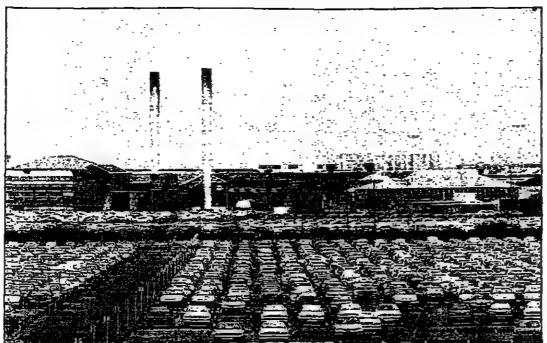
Co-ordination of the economic strategy for the sub-region's disparate urban and rural parts is in the hands of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership, formed as a private company in 1994. The area's pace of change and its growing global competitiveness identify it as an attractive location for further inward investment and reinvestment by existing companies.

Coventry and Warwickshire is certainly not frightened of the future any more," says Myles Mackie, principal strategy officer lat Coventry City Council. We have been modernising and investing in the future since the recession of the late 1970s and early 1980s, and with 300 overseas firms we have an international outlook."

Many of the sub-region's companies, especially those in its automotive sector, have revolutionised production techniques and business strategies in line with international trends and have played their role in the exportled recovery of the UK economy.

Unemployment, a scourge when recession ravaged the labour-intensive manufacturing base, has now dropped to 7 per cent in Coventry. The city remains a powerful engineering and automotive centre that has also attracted modern industrial service sector businesses and overseas firms.

In the more prosperous south, around the tourist honeypots of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Kenilworth and Leamington Spa, joblessness is nearer 3 per cent. But not every location has benefited equally from the healthier economy; in deprived areas of Coventry and, in the north, around Atherstone, Bedworth and Nuneaton, economic regeneration is a big



The Peugeot assembly plant at Ryton, Coventry, continues to be a driving force in the sub-region

priority to provide more jobs, better housing and redevelop derelict industrial sites.

The Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership is an alliance of city. county and other local councils, the Chamber of Commerce and Training and Enterprise Council (now merged as "The Chamber"), private businesses, unions, universities, colleges and voluntary organ-isations. It manages £29 million from the Single Regeneration

Trevor Cornfoot, executive manager, says: "There is real optimism that the restructuring is going to be especially fruitful as we diversify

and strengthen the economy." The number of high technology businesses is growing and there are extensive technological links between higher education and indus-try. Many companies, are benefiting from a collaborative programme to improve their world-class competitiveness. Priority is also being given to making prime, market-ready sites available for

new investors. Manufacturing accounts for almost 25 per cent of jobs in big employers such as the telecoms firm GPT, Europe's largest tractor maker, Massey Ferguson. Rolls-Royce, Unipart, Courtaulds, carmakers Jaguar and Peugeot and taxi manufacturer Carbodies.

Rover has its research and development site and corporate HQ in south Warwickshire and, with its BMW parent, is to build a £400 million engine plant in the county at the Hams Hall distribution park and Channel Tunnel rail freight link.

Other major employers are GEC Alsthom, TNT, Ford and Automotive Products, Conoco and IBM. Other overseas investors include the US car component firms Lear Seating and Johnson Controls and companies such as Computervisions, Sandvik and Nippondenso.

The Nuneaton-based Motor Industry Research Association is a centre of excellence for automotive research and development.

The University of Warwick is high in the UK's university rankings. It has a renowned business school and its Warwick Manufacturing Group has established industrial partnerships with more than 300 firms. The university's science park has created an innovation centre in Warwick, and Coventry University is developing its own

technology park.
UK and European Union funds are being exploited to help revival, especially in economically-deprived areas, with the national regenerations agency, English Partnerships, playing an important role.

Lucy Hodges

reports on two

universities at

the cutting edge

of development

WHEN the Coventry School of Design was established in 1843, the burghers could have had no idea what a hub it and Warwickshire would become for educa-tion. The school has now transformed itself into the Univ ersity of Coventry by way of Coventry Poly and Lanchester Tech, and three miles away Warwick University has become one of Britain's leading research

universities. Each university educates around 16,000 students: Coventry has its feet firmly in the local community, with more than a quarter of students coming from the area and another quarter from the Midlands generally, in 25 years, Warwick has rocketed to the top of anybody's league table of UK universities, jostling with Oxford, Cambridge and some London colleges for one of

the top five positions.

This year The Times placed Warwick fifth in its league table of universities, while the Times Higher Education Supplement put it fourth for research, following the exercise carried out by the Higher Education Funding Council last year. The university received the top grade 5 in the research assessment exercise in nine subjects and the stellar grade 5° in computer science, history and mathematics.

As Peter Dunn, Warwick's press officer, explains: "The two key things responsible for our success are that we are entrepreneurial and research driven. The fact that we score well in the research league tables feeds into our teaching. If you're an active researcher at the cutting edge of your subject, you're likely to be a cutting-edge teacher."

Although not as high up the making Country is negled of its

rankings, Coventry is proud of its achievements, particularly in design. Its art and design department achieved a grade 4 (out of a maximum of 5) in the research assessment exercise. It combines high academic standards with a modern approach to teaching and a strong emphasis on educa-



Pioneering research: Warwick University Innovation Centre

A Midlands double first by design

tables

to Dr Michael Goldstein, its Vice-

"It has strong links with a wide range of employers which makes its courses relevant to the modem world and reflects its high

quality," he says. "The university is particu-larly noted for the support it gives to students' learning and their welfare, Furthermore, its flexible course structures mean that students have a vast range of choice available.

Much of the research comes out of the visual and information design centre.

where staff and students are developing new com-puter-based methods to boost the efficiency of designers in the motor vehicle business. They are also creating interactive multimedia programmes as alternatives to the printed word. These

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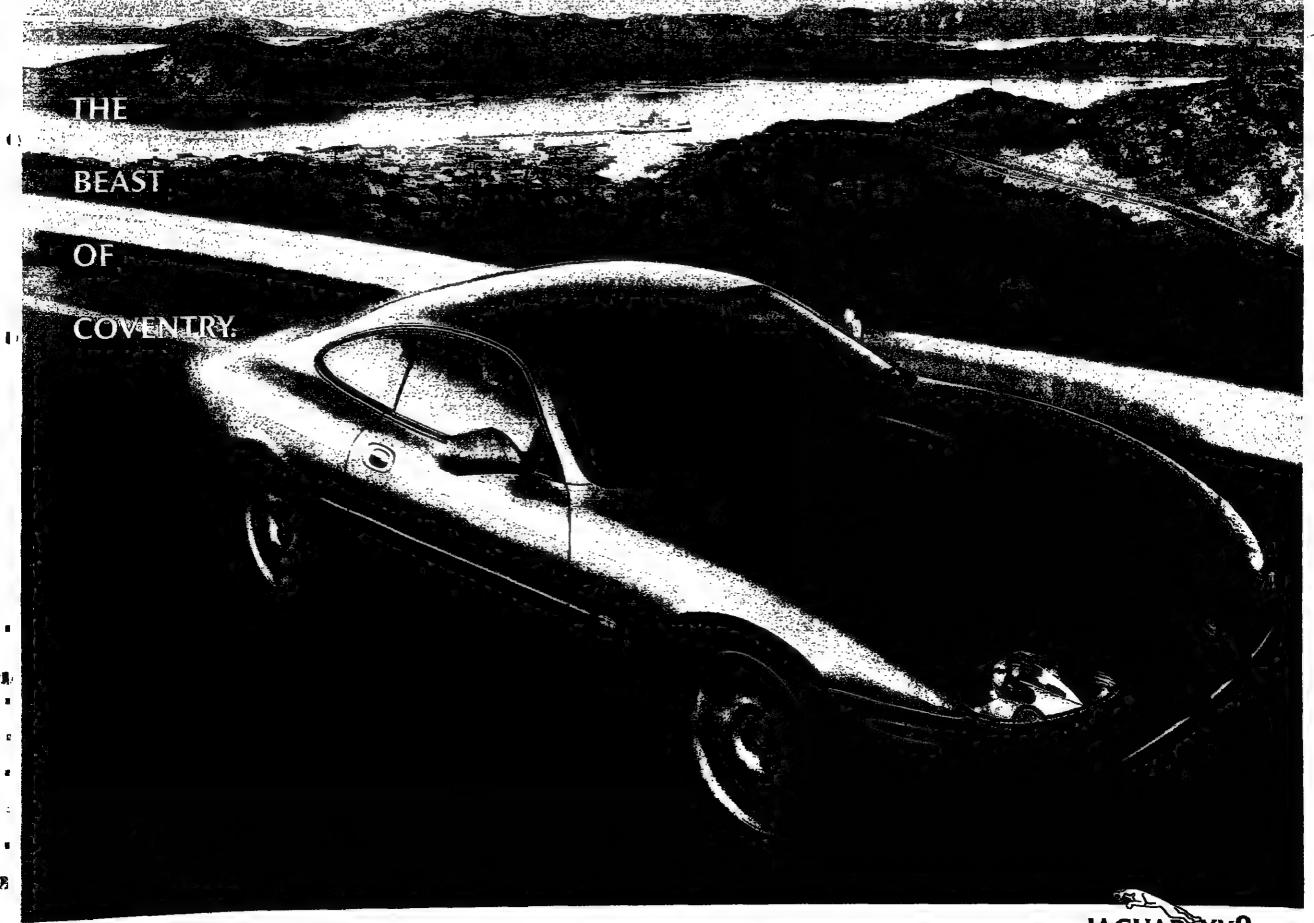
Earlier this year a car design by Coventry University Transport Design graduate Justin Magee was exhibited at the British Design Excellence exhibition. At the

same event, the university displayed the The Times fruits of a collaborative project with Lucas Aerospace, co-ordinated by Dr Tony placed Robotham of the engi-Warwick neering school.

Coventry Universififth in ty's MA in automotive design is one of only its league two such courses in Britain. Together with the BA (Hons) and MDes in transport design, these

courses have produced ates who have joined design studios and consultancies across Europe and the US. One of them, Steve Mattin, is responsible for the exterior styling of the revolutionary A-class Mercedes being

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oventry University is building a multimillion-pound technology centre to
provide specialist facilities for
local innovators, including its
own graduates, who will be
helped to develop technologybased businesses, Craig Seton
writes.

English Partnerships and Coventry City Council are partners in the project, which will be Coventry and Warwickshire's second higher-education institution to harness the technology transfer between academia and industry to create new commercial enterprises.

The University of Warwick Science Park in Coventry was created in the early Eighties and has proved that high-tech businesses linked to university research can thrive in "incubator" units backed by technological support and knowhow.

More than 1,000 people work for the 70 firms at its site. A further ten firms operate from its first satellite innovation centre 12 miles away in Warwick, with the support of

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the county council. The development at Coventry University is being built on a 20-acre, former Rolls-Royce engineering site.

A grant of £5 million from the European Regional Development Fund has been awarded, as it meets the European Union's criteria for job creation, urban regeneration. land reclamation and training.

A TechnoCentre housing a

product innovation centre, support and demonstration units, and training and conference facilities will be the first to be opened. There are also plans for a hotel,

The product innovation

The product innovation centre will be the base for the university's graduate enterprise scheme, designed to help

graduates who have shown entrepreneurial flair and innovation in design, engineering and technology to set up their own businesses.

Graduates setting up businesses will receive £1,000 in their first operational year. In the second and third year, they must generate their own funding, which will be matched by the university up to a maximum of £27,000 a year per project.

The technology park will mean a cultural change for the university in its relationship with industry and in the development of its courses, according to Dr Eulian Roberts, the university's director of commercial affairs. He says eligibility criteria mean potential tenants must undertake research, product or technology development and/or technology-based training and support services as their primary function on the site. Dr Roberts foresees even closer links being established with industry and government and

links being established with industry and government and local authority agencies.

The new technology park also promises to be a jobs

His management team is discussing plans for another satellite centre elsewhere in the sub-region, although no details have been given.

Craig Seton on the range of automotive producers and component makers

Hub of the car industry

any firms that make the West Midlands the heart of the rejuvenated UK automotive industry are based in Warwickshire and represent a crucial part of its manufacturing base.

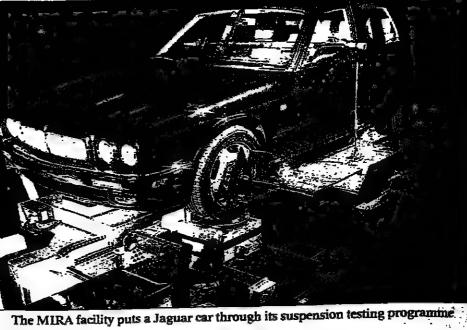
The sub-region has a vehicle-building tradition dating back to the birth of the British car industry in 1896, when the Daimler company produced its first model in Coventry. Today, the area is the base for a range of automotive producers and component makers, including overseas supply firms lured to the hub of the UK motor industry.

Jaguar, a subsidiary of the US Ford Motor Company, and French-owned Peugeot, together employ nearly 10,000 people on their assembly lines in Coventry.

Rover, owned by the German firm BMW, has its research and development centre at its proving ground at Gaydon in South Warwickshire and its corporate headquarters in Warwick.

The overseas owners of lag-

The overseas owners of Jaguar and Rover have had a big impact on the fortunes of their UK subsidiaries. According to the Coventry and Warwick-



shire Parmership. Ford has invested up to El billion in Jaguar and is to spend up to £400 million on a new plant to produce a new baby Jaguar, the X200, at its Castle Bromwich site in Birmingham, in a project that will create big orders for

component suppliers. Jaguar has said, though, that its proposed mid-range X400 model will probably have to be built overseas because of a lack of capacity at its Birmingham and Coventry plants.

It is likely, however, that the

sub-region's economic strategy partners will fight hard to have the new model built locally.

BMW has announced plans for a 5-400 million engine plant

for a £400 million engine plant at the Hams Hall distribution park and Channel Tunnel rail terminal in Warwickshire to provide power units for the two companies. The sub-region is benefiting

from a surge of inward investment by overseas component suppliers setting up production facilities near their customers, among them US firms Lear Seating and Johnson Controls.

Coventry and Warwickshire, though, face stiff competition from other European locations.

The component firm Edscha, based in Germany, has established its first UK manufacturing centre on the Middlemarch Business Park in Coventry, but only after examining other sites in Spain. Slovakia and the UK. It cited the location's proximity to carmakers, excellent communications and skilled lab-

our force for its decision. Joint ventures by component makers are also becoming more common among firms that see international partnership as the best way to meet the demands for higher quality and lower costs.

Unipart Industries in Coverntry has forged three joint ventures with Honda, and Topy Industries of Japan has a 15 per cent interest in Danlop Wheels, the UK's biggest wheel manufacturer, which supplies Rover and Peugeot from its Coventry plant.

The sub-region also plays an important role in providing research and development acilities and business management and best-practice training for car firms operating in the global market.

The Nunearon-based Motor Industry Research Association is an independent development, research, test and information centre with advanced computer-aided engineering facilities used by carmakers and component firms throughout the world.

Companies including Jaguar, Rover and MercedesBenz are among 300 firms that
have established long-term
partnerships with the Warwick Manufacturing Group at
the University of Warwick,
which has become a centre of
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Fast track to prosperity ALREADY well served by road, rail and air links, Coventry and Warwickshire Local economy benefits from plans Airlines has services to Chicago, and Continental Air to improve road and rail links

road, rail and air links, Coventry and Warwickshire are set for further benefits when improvements and upgrading worth hundreds of millions of pounds are carried out on the communications infrastructure that is so vital to the local economy.

Many companies, both from the UK and overseas, have based themselves in Coventry and Warwickshire precisely because of the area's central location and its communications network.

It is astride the national motorway system, putting most locations in Britain within a five-hour lorry journey and making it popular with firms who need to reach their customers quickly and regularly. It is also served by the West Coast main rail line

to improve road and rail links
between London and Bir Coventry City Council

mingham and the northwest, and has Birmingham International Airport close by.
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The science park provides technological back-up

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the sub-region. David Rowe.

the science park director, says

the new innovation centre in

Warwick ensures that small

knowledge-based enterprises

in Coventry and Warwick-

shire can benefit from the

science park concept.

councils and national road freight organisations have long called for a northern relief road to provide a new route, bypassing the overburdened M6 north of Birmingham that runs through Coventry and Warwickshire. The Government has now approved the project, although it will not open until after 2000.

Birmingham International Airport is on the western fringe of the sub-region and Coventry City Council is one of its seven West Midlands local authority owners to have sold a 40 per cent stake in the enterprise to Aer Rianta, which runs Shannon, Cork and Dublin air-

ports in the Irish Republic.

The sell-off makes way for a £260 million expansion of the airport to cope with an anticipated doubling of its annual passenger turnover to ten million by 2005. Birmingham airport runs scheduled daily services to many UK and European destinations, and three global carriers run scheduled services to the United States. British Airways files to New

London, has promised to refurbish trains and introduce more, better and faster services using trains that could put Coventry within an hour of the capital.

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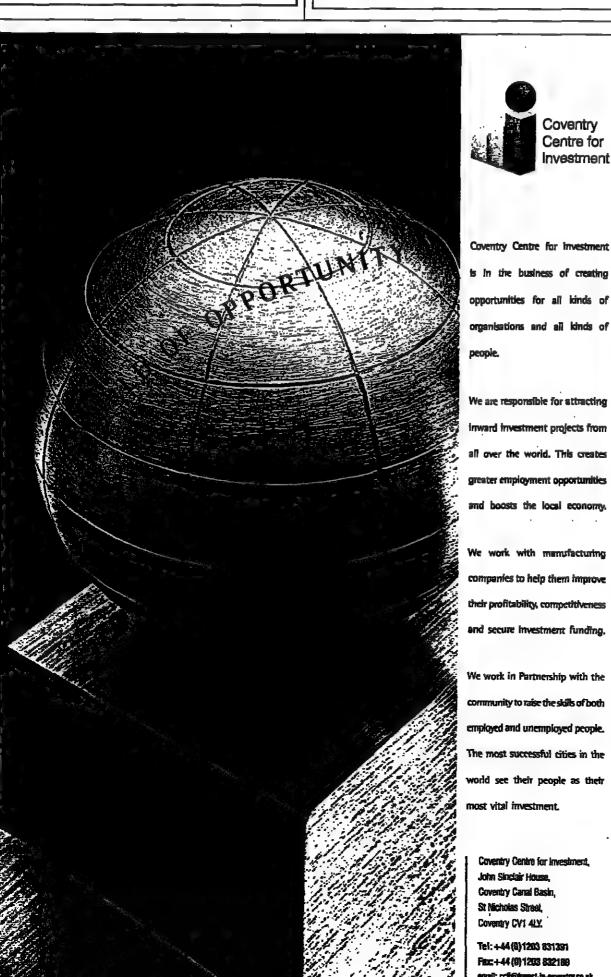
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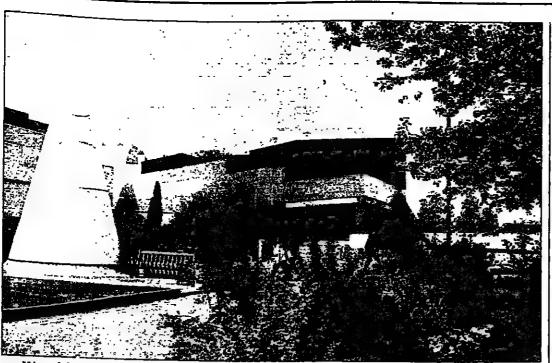
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Warwick University Arts Centre: now the biggest performing arts venue after the Barbican

Enter: cultural rebirth

Shakespeare's county overflows with the arts, says Simon Tait

fter the Second World War, Belgrade made a poignant and practical Egift to devastated Coventry. It provided timber to help to rebuild the city's cultural identity by creating a new theatre.

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When the theatre was completed in 1958, it was the most up-to-date playhouse in Britain, with a programme to match and a pioneering spirit which created the first Theatre-in-Education (TIE) scheme.

It is a testament to the effectiveness of that initiative that there are now 34 small to medium-sized theatre companies in Coventry, and a summer performing arts festival

Almost 40 years after it opened, the Belgrade is again at the centre of a cultural revival. It is no longer the youthful leader of adventurous regional theatre, and last year it even had to abandon its TIE programme for lack of resources. But its commitment to producing drama for its audience has never

According to David Beidas, general manager, the theatre hopes to hear next month that the Arts Council has granted its bid for El million of lottery money for new equipment and a feasibility study into full-scale refurbishment. Then, in five years' time, there could effectively be a brand new theatre in Coventry. The spirit of renais-sance coincides with the appointment last year of a new artistic director, Bob Eaton, and a revival in the Belgrade's box office fortunes. In 1996 there was a 13 per cent leap in attendance figures, to 150,000, and this year a similar increase is likely.

The season which has just features a new musical. Spector, about the sounds of the early Sixties; a Romeo and Julier production created in-house and directed by Chris Monks; a new production from the Market Theatre of Johannesburg: and the now traditional lain Lauchlan pantomime to take the season into 1998.

But the Belgrade is also part of a bigger development across the road, for which the city has made a much more ambitious lottery bid. It has asked for £16.5 million of the £22.5 million cost of creating a cultural centre for training in dance, composition, drama. film and video making, record production and information technology.

It might seem odd that within "Shakespeare Country", the term cultural revival should carry much writ, but it does. Warwickshire has the home of the Bard, with the three theatres of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the RSC has its own ambitious plans for development in line with its consolidation this

season of Stratford-upon-Avon as its home and base of operations, which include an education centre. Warwick Arts Centre has been a

mentor for the Coventry development. Opened in 1974 as part of Warwick University, it has become the biggest performing multi-disciplinary arts venue outside London, second only to the Barbican Centre. has a 560-seat theare, a studio theatre for 200, and a film theatre for 250. Recent developments include a concert hall for 1,500 and a flexible exhibition hall.

With an audience of 250,000 a year, it has been able to attract the Royal National Theatre's produc-tion of David Hare's Skylight for 1997, and this season is the only theatre outside Scarborough to stage Sir Alan Ayckbourn's new play, The Things We Do For Love.

At Compton Verney in the Warwickshire countryside, ambitious plans are afoot for a £60 million opera house in the grounds, while in the loth-century manor house itself, a visual arts centre is being created at a cost of £7 million by the Peter Moores Foundation. Architects Stanton Williams have also designed a new gallery attached to house: on show will be art ranging from 16th-century Flemish sculpture to work by 20th-century artists such as Sandra Blow and

For Jaguar and St George

Tourists discover a fascinating city

to be sent to, reports Iola Smith

A THOUSAND years after Lady Godiva rode through the streets, Coventry is waking up to its

tourism potential.

A million visitors go to the city each year, attracted by medieval history and mythology. Legend has it (backed up by a 15th-century wood carving of St George and the dragon) that Coventry was the birthplace of St George. And the city has always been associated with Lady Godiva — the 11th

century's scourge of the taxman. Lady Godiva, however, has left her mark on history as well as mythology. Together with her husband, Leofric, Earl of Mercia. she endowed the Benedictine prio-

ry of St Mary in 1043. It became Coventry's first cathedral subsequently destroyed by Henry VIII. Medieval history

Coventry's medieval wealth was based on wool and cloth. During and the 15th century and the mythology wool merchants' prosperity benefited the are big city's architecture. Between 1340 and 1400 attractions they built one of the finest medieval buildings still standing — the red sandstone Guildhell of St

During the Civil War, Coventry was a parliamentary stronghold. Being "sent to Coventry" was therefore not a pleasant experience for royalists. They got their re-venge when Charles II ascended the throne - he blew up most of

the city's walls as punishment.
During the 18th and early 19th
centuries Coventry was dominated by the ribbon industry. However, after a slump in 1860, new employment was sought and the engineer-ing revolution began. First came the sewing machines, then bicycles. Finally, in 1896, came the car produced by the Daimler Motor Company. Car production has dominated since, and fans of historic cars will welcome a visit to the Museum of British Road Transport. It traces Coventry's contribution to the world motor industry, and prominence is given to the marques associated with the

city such as Jaguar and Rover. The Midland Air Museum, based in Coventry, pays tribute to Sir Frank Whittle, one of the city's leading engineers and inventor of the jet engine. The history of local

some 35 aircraft on display.

During the Second World War, planes brought the blitz to Coventry. In November 1940 the second cathedral, St Michael's, dating from the 14th century, was heavily bombed. Sir Basil Spence's new

aviation is also illustrated, with

cathedral now stands alongside the ruins, designed as a symbol of reconciliation. Its interior is dominated by Graham Sutherland's Christ in Glory tapestry. But since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the sculpture of Christ made of metal reclaimed from crashed cars has become a place of

Within the surrounding ruins of St Michael's there is public open space and a performance venue for the medieval mystery plays. A cross made of roof beams salvaged from the bombing dominates the space, together with a peace statue, a copy of which is in

Hiroshima. "We are developing a heritage trail linking the Cathedral Quarter with some of the medieval building," explains Peter Walters of Coventry and

Warwickshire Promotions, a private sector company established by the city council to increase history. "We are similarly plan-ning a literary trail focusing on George Eliot, who went to school there, and Philip Larkin, who was

born in the city.

"For those interested in industrial history, tours of car plants and some of the 130 or so venues associated with the motor industry are on the cards."

Outside the city, Coombe Abbey-Country Park attracts almost 400,000 visitors. Founded in 1150 by the Cistercians, the Abbey is now a country house hotel, but the gardens designed by Capability Brown are owned by the city. In November, as part of its Spirit of Coventry art festival, the city will stage a fireworks display in the

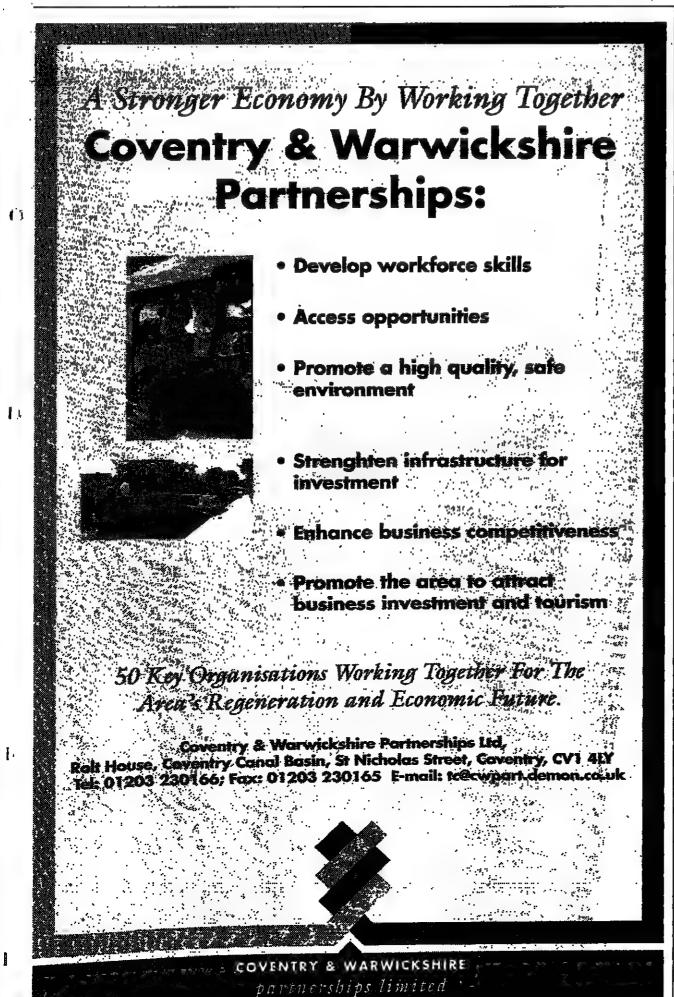
Unlike the surrounding Warwickshire countryside. Coventry does not have a tradition of attracting tourists.

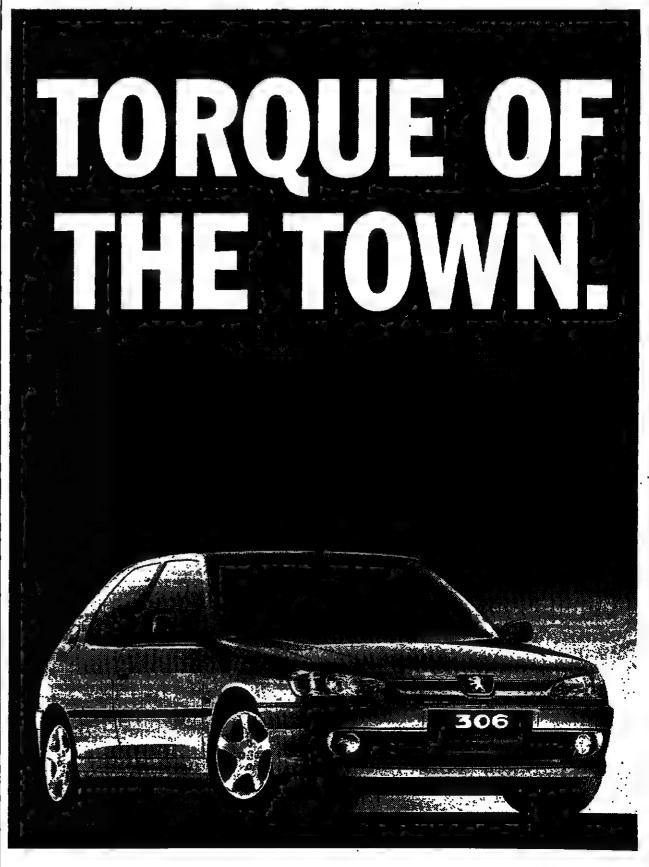
But the city has shown that there more to Warwickshire than Shakespeare and castles.



The wooden roof beam cross in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral







THE AWARD WINNING PEUGEOT 306. MADE IN COVENTRY.



7 hen I heard that Dennis Marks had resigned. again, as general director of English National Opera, I was reminded of that fabled piece of office folklore about the man who puts on his saddest face and asks his boss for time off because his mother has died. "Twice in one year?" the boss replies with a thin smile. "That's jolly bad luck."

Marks has now resigned from ENO twice in one year. Some would call that jolly bad luck. Meanwhile, at the Royal Opera House they are on their third chief executive in nine months. Inexplicable bad luck! Both opera companies are millions of pounds in deficit. Obviously that's awfully bad luck too. Fortune just isn't smiling on our lyrical friends, is it?

Of course, there could be another explanation. Which is that running either London opera house is an impossible task. because London can't support two companies. The subsidy isn't generous enough. The audience isn't big enough. The sponsors aren't

One opera house is trouble enough numerous enough. The companies of the joys of grand opera for most aren't different enough. And the of two centuries. How did we

Government doesn't care enough. What London probably can support is one great opera house, run by sane people with a sane budget and sane ticket prices.

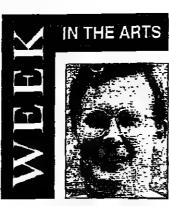
That is hardly an original thought. It occurred to George Frideric Handel, for instance, 260 years ago. He was desperately trying to keep his Royal Academy Opera going at Covent Garden while the rival Opera of the Nobility was competing for audiences, singers and patronage a few hundred yards down the road. Sounds familiar? The war between the companies was so bitter. Jonathan Swift noted, "that it is feared by true lovers of music that opera will be quite overturned". And it was. Handel had a stroke.

both companies went bust, and

Britain lived in blissful ignorance

manage? Well, inaugurating the Industrial Revolution, acquiring the Empire, inventing cricket, football, rugby ... we somehow kept ourselves amused. Meanwhile, Handel - freed of the burden of pampering egotistical singers (some of them particularly tetchy after being castrated in puberty) — recovered his health and wrote Messiah. So British

musical life didn't suffer too badly. I am not sure that Dennis Marks has a great oratorio in him, but the modern parallels are clear. Opera is loved by a sizeable minority of British people, but is hardly embedded in our national psyche to the extent that London can support two houses. I first pointed this out on these pages in April 1991. The date is etched on my mouldering brain because my



RICHARD MORRISON

"absurdly reductionist" view was promptly ridiculed by the big cheeses of both London opera companies - all of whom, strange to relate, have subsequently disappeared from the scene.

My hope was that the Arts Council would recognise the nonsense of maintaining two largescale companies half a mile from each other, and engineer a strategic realignment. Foolish daydream! The Arts Council has since displayed the strategic capability of a headless chicken.

First it commissioned a report by Denis Stevenson recommending the conversion of ENO into a small company working in a small theatre. Then it gave ENO a whopping £1.4 million grant for a feasibility study into building a huge new opera house. Then, when ENO produced this 300-page epic, the Arts Council immediately told the company that it must stay in the Coliseum after all. So in three years the Arts Council has backed three entirely different scenarios for ENO, some-

times simultaneously. No wonder

figure, but a doughty fighter finally crumpled.

The truth is that London will only have one opera company in. say, five years' time. But this, sadly, will come about not through planning (Covent Garden's twoyear closure would have been the perfect opportunity to restructure both companies), but through ENO's painful collapse.

The company is £4 million in the red. The Coliseum is crumbling, and there is no money to prop it up. New produc-tions will be slashed, and seat prices - boldly cut by Marks in an attempt to win a "People's Opera" cachet for ENO - will be forced up again. ENO is slithering down a spiral of terminal decline.

And what's most galling for the hundreds of excellent people at the

Coliseum is the suspicion that the Arts Council is conspiring against them, while becoming unhealthily aligned to the Royal Opera House. Is that suspicion justified? We could judge better if we knew the contents of the Walker-Arnott Report" - a review of the probity of the Arts Council's relationship. with Covent Garden in the wake of Mary Allen's murky transfer from

one organisation to the other. When will we read it? Don't hold your breath. The Arts Council is preparing a "summary", but won't release the text. Chris Smith, our fearless Culture Secretary, won't either, though he may refer to it when he answers select committee: questions on November 5.

In other words, the public will probably never learn whether the Arts Council is exercising proper independent scrutiny of the biggest recipient of public arts subsidy. Commercial sensitivity is cited as the reason for suppressing the report. Absolute tosh. Since when was opera ever commercial? That's the whole damn problem.

Long haul for a laidback lad

Tom Stoppard did a lot of Latin homework before

tackling his new play, he tells Benedict Nightingale

hove a mike in front of Tom Stoppard, turn down the light, and you might mistake him for an amiably rumpled version of the Mick Jagger of 20 years ago. In fact, he turned 60 in July, soon after he received his knighthood, and he seems cheerfully resigned to his age. He has become less driven, he says. And though he still takes three newspapers a day and five magazines a week, he no longer feels the same compulsion to know everything about everything. So what if Norman Mailer has written a biography of

Jesus Christ? Part of me says: I Still, he ended his lifties in full polymath flow. There is a Californian acadeniic who knows more than him about the subject of his new Invention of Love. A.E. Housman; but there can be nobody else. Who but Stoppard would have spent five years boning up on Latin and the techniques of textual analysis, reading Propertius and Catullus in the original, and studying Victorians galore in order to write a play about a minor poet who was also a major scholar? He could, he says, write a book "that went into the whole thetics and how they related to homosexuality and how they both related to Classical Greece". Part of him itches to

tap it out, then die content. The boy Stoppard studied Classics to A level, became

research it still further, then

rather good at composing

Greek verse, and might have read the subject at university if the lure of journalism had not propelled him into the real world at 17. He sold his Homer, Caesar and other textbooks to a bookshop for ten shillings. But at the age of 30 he met Tony Harrison, poet and classicist, and felt a tinge of regret and envy. And when he read a complete edition of Housman five years ago, and realised he wasn't just the author of A Shropshire Lad,

Stoppard got busy. Actually, relearning Latin was the least of Stoppard's problems. He found Housman's three volumes of textual criticism so witty and so aggressive in their attacks on academic chicanery that, he says, "I devoured them as if they were a three-volume novel". But large parts of them were so difficult they might have been written in another language. As recently as last Christmas Stoppard was still unsure what to do with the vast piles of unwieldy material he was continuing to accrue. "It was the longest haul I'd ever hauled. I had to stop and start writing. But I had no idea what sort of play to make out of it, none whatever."

After all, a personality as needed attention. Stoppard is not a homosexual, nor the misogynist Housman was widely said to be; but he developed great sympathy for the repressed, melancholy poet who spent a lifetime nursing an unrequited love for

a fellow undergraduate called

Moses Jackson. He was also fascinated to discover that, though they never met. Hous-man overlapped at Oxford with Wilde, and sent him a copy of A Shropshire Lad while he was in prison.

What Stoppard ended up writing - or, he says, "fumbling towards, stubbing my toes" - was a memory play. In it. Housman appears both as a youth and as an elderly guru. and many period figures materialise, among them Wilde. "They represent different responses to the same predicament. Housman's life is supposed to have been a success, while Wilde crashed in flames, but from the per-spective of the present one sees things differently. Wilde's life was in many ways a private success, and Housman was self-deprived and not happy. How can one say that an unhappy life is successful?"

ike Arcadia and Indi-

an Ink, The Invention of Love seems likely to confirm the critics' contention that Stoppard has become emotionally less guarded. "Yes, you can't all be wrong. And it's not difficult to work out. I'm a very shy, private person and I camouer than by reticence. I became a repressed exhibitionist. [found emotional self-exposure embarrassing — and now I get the less I care about selfconcealment. But none of it is policy. At any given moment you write what you can."



"I'm a very private person, and I camouflaged myself by display," says Tom Stoppard. "But the older I get, the less I care about self-concealment"

seems to work on one comic level or another even if it's not madcap farce. When André Previn asked me to write something that used an orchestra, I came up with Every Good Boy Deserves Favour and the idea of Russian dissidents locked up in mental

In any case, fun is never far asylums, and I thought this players who are identical new for Stoppard, who admits work-worries. He would like wouldn't be a comedy. But of course it was. I'm afraid I can't seem to avoid writing jokes."

Indeed, he has been talking about a revival of his adaptation of Nestroy's farcical On the Rozzie and vaguely pondering an old idea: a comedy about a football team with five

the numbers on their backs. But his only firmish intention scems to be to write a screenplay of Arcadia. After that, who knows? "I've got this play as good as I can make it. And I've no doubt there'll be

another one eventually." That laidback amitude is

as he gently comforts blind

within the oratorio, a heart

behind the music? I never-fully

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yet. But I ended up with maybe 100 letters, and that completely transformed my attitude. I felt very proud and rather bashful." The old, bug-eyed Stoppard is not quite extinct. Like Housman, he cannot bear professional sloppiness, and still works obsessively to ensure that his plays are properly carpentered. He also admits to being preoccupied by posterity

of dread when opening nights

neared. He seems similarly

relaxed about his knighthood.

'My first reaction was, no, not

I didn't think anybody would do my plays again." Yet as his personal future gets shorter, he plans to make

room for more than work and

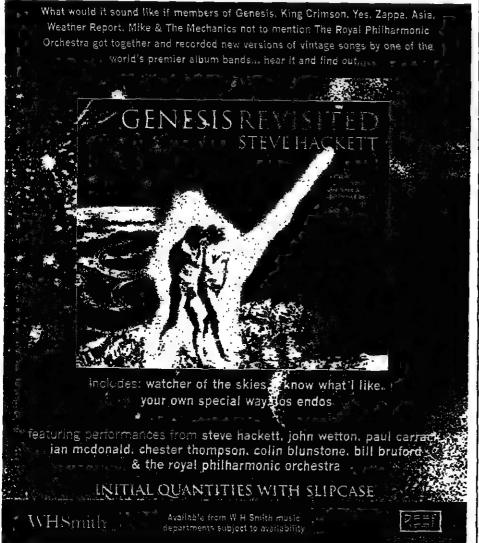
- "the only reason one writes,

really, I don't think I'd do so if

the kind of Stoppard seminars or seasons whose organisers are always wooing him. "I'd love to go to New Zealand and not tell anyone beforehand. Just say, thank you for doing my play. I'm going to Christchurch, cheerio.

"Do you know The Fugitive? Harrison Ford is falsely accused of killing his wife and Tommy Lee Jones is pursuing him, and they come to a waterfall, and Ford shouts 'I didn't kill my wife', and Jones answers 'I don't care'. I think that's one of the great movie lines. Time is so limited. You have to choose what matters. And part of me is beginning to say 'I don't care'."

• The Invention of Love opens at the Cottesioe Theatre (0171-928 2252) next Wednesday



Dutchman

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Cold in the shadow

Deter Hall postponed the originally planned opening of his production of Lear, presumably feeling that nobody would be in the mood to concentrate on an old, mythic king's woes, since the funeral of a very real and young Princess was to occur the next day. Some three weeks later, I find myself wishing that the first night had been even longer delayed. The more distance that could be put between Alan How-ard's Lear at the Vic and Ian Holm's version at the National, the kindlier the reception was always likely to be. It is bad luck on both

Howard and Hall to have coincided, more or less, with the finest Lear many of us can recall. I could name half a dozen revivals of the play that would leave us tolerably grateful for their efforts. But the memory of that tiny, intense figure, furiously raving as he stripped to the skin, just would not go away. Beside Holm, Howard emotionally inhabits Lear only sporadically. Beside him, he sometimes seems to

sing rather than live the role. It could be argued that this comparison is unfair. A small, intimate theatre like the Cottesloe is friendly to a gritty immediacy. The much larger Old Vic invites a rather more rhetorical approach. Yet there were still times when I wished

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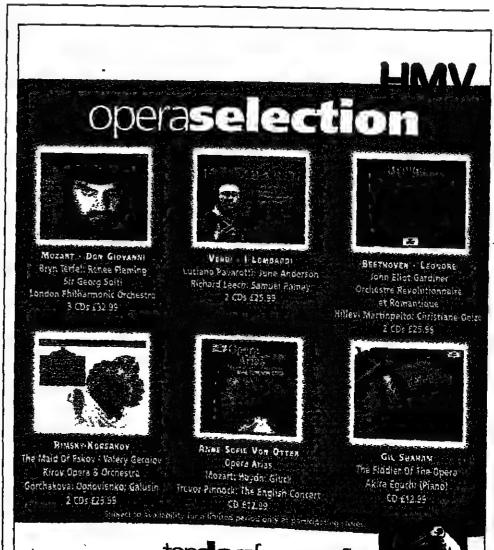
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Howard would curb that mag-nificent mix of woodwind and brass, his voice. It is one thing to sound like a one-man symphony when striding through cloud, wind and tem-pest clutching what look like pieces of forked lightning. It is another to incant and melodically throb when the cosmic rant has to dwindle into "here I stand, a poor, infirm, weak and despised old man" or "I am a man more sinned against than sinning".

> King Lear Old Vic

Denis Quilley's genial Gloucester finds a simplicity of grief and pain seemingly beyond Howard. There are also some decent supporting performances, especially from the women. Given the moral topsyturvydom and sexual politicking common in mod-em revivals of *Lear*, the unaffected warmth and goodness of Victoria Hamilton's Cordelia is refreshing, as is the svelte coldheartedness of Anna Carteret's Goneril and Jenny Quayle's Regan. But is Hall right to rely so much on the first Folio for his text? That produces some odd readings, as well as the excision of the great scene in which Lear arraigns a stool, thinking it to

On second thoughts, maybe this was better omitted. Howard has moments of variety and of daring. He is a tender, tactile Lear, forever touching and cuddling his daughters. Just before his death, he crawls over to the corpses of Goneril and Regan, and hovers above them like an aggrieved wolf, growling and showing his claws. He plays the mad scene at Dover with bravura, snarling at authority



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NEW ALBUMS: David Sinclair applauds the bittersweet symphonies of the suddenly huge Verve

Faith, hope and even clarity

Urban Hymns (Hut/Virgin 7243 8 44913

THE Verve are so hot just now it is hard to think of them as the same group of beautiful losers who split up in disarray just two years ago. Their new album, Urban Hymns, is a work of heady splendour that will doubtless follow their post-narcotic single, The Drugs Don't Work, straight to the top of the chart.

Such a transformation confirms the truism that in pop it is timing that makes the difference between the great and the very good. In the wake of Oasis, the ears of the mainstream audience have been retuned to the sound of men with northern accents singing above a symphony of frayed electric guitars. But that is not the whole

story. The Verve have also adjusted their sound and songwriting so that their accomplishments might at last match the grand scale of their ambition. Their habit of burying Richard Ashcroft's vocals. along with any tune he might have been carrying, somewhere near the bottom of the mix has gone, and with it the resulting sense of droney. druggy ennul that permeated their two previous albums. Instead, on gentle, reflective

songs such as Space and Time and the adorable Weeping Willow, there is a clear sense of melody, lyric and song structure having been mapped out in advance, rather than being left to fend for themselves amid a vague, organically developed sprawl. The use of strings on Bitter Sweet Symphony, Sonnet and others reinforces this sense of purpose, while lending a new poignancy to Ashcroft's deeply personal reveries.

The Verve remain one of those bands for whom making music is more a mission than a career. But now, having paused long enough to know which way the wind blows. they have at last unlocked the power of all that aching. unresolved passion. They always seemed destined for great things. With Urban Hymns they have finally made good on their promise.

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The deeply personal reveries of leader Richard Ashcroft (centre) are finally granted their proper setting on the Verve's brilliant Urban Hymns

ROBBIE WILLIAMS Life Thru a Lens

(Chrysalis/EMI 8213132, WHILE his former colleagues

from Take That have struggled to find their own voices as solo acts. Robbie Williams seems to have had no problem in locating an uncontrived style of mildly rebellious, post-Oasis pop that is a faithful reflection of his personality. The singles, Lazy Days and

Old Before I Die, are blessed with the kind of effortlessly catchy choruses to which all genuine pop stars must ultimately aspire, and Williams also manages to pull off autobiographical rockers (Life Thru a Lens, Let Me Entertain

You), sentimental ballads (Angels, Baby Girl Window) and even an ersatz slice of southern funk-rock (South of the Border) with similarly surefooted enthusiasm.

PORTISHEAD Portishead

(Gol Beat 539 189, £13.99) WITH their Mercury Music Award-winning debut album, Dummy, Portishead did as much as anyone to redefine the sound of 1990s pop. But the "trip hop" genre which they invented - hip hop beats slowed down and mixed with eerie melodies rooted in jazz --is beginning to wear thin on Portishead, the long-delayed tone and tempo. The overall follow-up, which does little

more than repeat the same unvarying formula. The II new songs are with-

out exception slow, squeaky and spooky and, while Beth Gibbons is a fine singer, her emotional range seems to be limited to a single, plaintive expression of angst. "We suffer every day, what is it for?" she asks in Only You, one of the prettier tunes on offer.

The purity of their vision, and the wonderfully dark atmosphere of individual tracks, especially Seven Months and Mourning Air, is admirable. But the album as a whole suffers from an insufficient variety of mood, texture,

BOB DYLAN Time Out of Mind (Columbia 486936 4/2/8

straitjacket.

group strapped into a stylistic

E14.49) TO A huge sigh of relief from

his record company and the dwindling core of fans who have stuck by him during seven long years of creative inertia, Bob Dylan has finally released an album of new songs. And it is not at all bad. Dylan himself has

described Time Out of Mind as more a "performance" record than a "poetic literary type of thing" and, like his best work on, say, Highway 61 anything he has recorded Revisited, there are songs here

that you can savour without reference to the lyrics. Indeed that is probably the best way to enjoy Million Miles, where a menacing, Ballad of a Thin Man-ish organ sequence is shackled to lines such as "l need your love so bad, turn vour famp down low*.

But mostly the sombre, personal tone of the words is a perfect match for the melancholy, blues-based tunes and wheezing, old-fashioned production of tracks such as Dirt Road Blues, Can't Wait and Love Sick, the latter a dark, slow rumble with an odd reggae kick in the beat that is bleak and powerful as

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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Ladies' night at the Opry

Paul Sexton dons his stetson to

attend the 1997 edition of the

Country Music Awards in Nashville

The advertising billboard on the Nashville skyline should have given us a clue. Smiling down beatifically at the visitor to the capital of country music this week was a towering portrait of Trisha Yearwood, as if to mark our card that Wednesday night's CMA Awards at the Grand Ole Opry were about to hon-our 1997's new sisterhood of country. The annual celebration of Nashville's latest movers and shakers, voted by the members of the Country Music Association, is not only the focal point of the country year but the occasion on which the hats and the hair sculptures make the front pages

Yearwood herself landed the

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hotly contested Female Vocalist of the Year trophy. Year-6 Sting has wood, a bridestoo often become the among the cream of the country latest songbirds, was an immensely popu-lar winner. The rerock star brought to go whoops and cheers from the auditori-Nashville 🤊 um. Her victory capped a trium-

phant lady's night Deana Carter, LeAnn Rimes, Kathy Mattea and the songwriter Matraca Berg, all hitching feminine vulnerability to the not-to-be-messed-with spirit of the modern indepen-

Not that the "hat brigade" didn't have something to say about the evening's outcome. For all of the recent rumours of mutual disaffection between Garth Brooks and his country constituency, the world's bestselling recording artist still won the Entertainer of the Year award, even if he made a political point by playing a show in Lincoln, Nebraska, while his success was being announced. And the ultimate smoothie-in-a-stetson, George Strait, continued the second coming of his career by retaining the Male Vocalist Award and ambling home with Alburn of the Year honours for Carrying Your Love With Me. Music offers few targets

than the irony-free softer world of country, but its charms have softened many a stony heart. Radio 2, itself recognised by the CMA this week for its country program-ming with the Wesley Rose International Achievement Award, has lately been airing a series of testimonials from such unlikely devotees as Trevor McDonald, Michael Fish and Magnus Magnus-

Now Sting has become the latest rock star to go Nashville, duetting at the ceremony on a subtly twanged-up duet ver-sion of his I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying with rising star Toby Keith. Sting's warm reception from what has often in the past been a high-walled community suggests that some of the musical dividing

smudged if not erased. Meanwhile in Britain, country has become the musical equivalent of Hello! magazine: pshawed and poo-pooed, but secretly enjoyed by hundreds of thousands. Last year's CMA coverage on BBC2 drew an average audience of 22 mil-lion and the network is hoping for even better returns with its 90-minute highlight show of the 1997 event, which airs on Sunday evening.

To achieve the goal, Auntie has unearthed another surprising adopted son of Tennessee to present the programme: the come-Rory Me-Grath. He has his own part-time band called Death By Country, which has had the effect

of turning him into that also included wins for a fan. "I started playing guitar when I was 16," he says, "and didn't want to be a rock star, so I thought I'd do some funny songs with a band." The plan was to ask fellow connedy writer Phil Pope to chip in on some gentle country parodies. but the plan backfired. "As Phil says, we came to the altar of country to mock and stayed to pray," says McGrath.

Native worshippers do so by more deliberate methods. Fully two and a half days before the awards spectacular, Opryland was full of singleminded punters, country fans who clearly consider it an honour to sit in attention at dimly-lit rehearsals at 9am, just to watch the scene-shifters. "You see the same faces again and again, year after says the veteran Opryland stewart Goldie Ev-"You would think they could become a little bored."

Backstage, the ingenue vocalist Mindy McCready is anything but bored, getting ready for her part in the tribute to Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Brenda Lee. McCready is a senior student in the new school of country acts giving Nashville's image a timely respray.

"People still have the percep-

tion that it's all cowboy hats and cow dung, all the things country doesn't really represent any more," she says. "I don't want to be stereotyped. I've never worn a hat or cowboy boots."

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Just like sisters, only much weirder respected — these hip sooth-sayers don't patronise her as

a s sibling your identity is the thing you hoard the most jealously. I can remember teasing my sister Weenie to tears when she got into the same music as me: I labelled her the Personality Sucker, and lounged evilly in doorways as she played the Cure, snickering: Of course, you know you don't like this music, don't you? You're just trying to be me." Quite rightly, she punched me; stole my diary. and took to reading extracts out loud whenever cool friends

So imagine the hair-pulling, narrow-eyed stares and deadlegging going on in the Minogue household at the moment. Just to recap: first

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First there was Kylie Minogue, says Caitlin Moran, then there

was Dannii, now there's, er . . .

displayed in the manner common to former child stars, and a million hits full of scintillating pop calories. Three years later, the second Minogue offensive begins: Kylie's clumpy little sister Dannii lands on Albion's fair shores. Kylie won't share her stylist, so Dannii struggles by on her own. She has a hit and

there was Kylie. Shiny hair,

teeth and eyes huge and

season, presumably. But Kylie's got problems of

the icon-literate members of the alternative world --Primal Scream. St Etienne. Manic Street Preachers - for her fantastic production team gets a bee in her bonnet. She wants to be cool. She wants to be arty. She wants to be respected. She doesn't realise

disappears again - the panto

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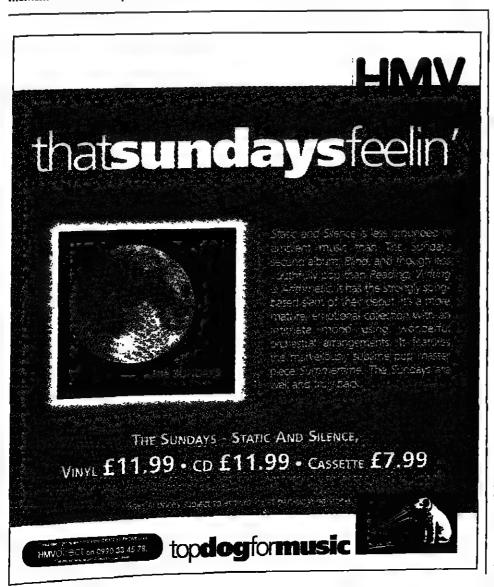
kitsch, they respect her as indefatigable, trashy, throwaway pop that remains un-wrinkled as the decades pass. But anyway, for whatever

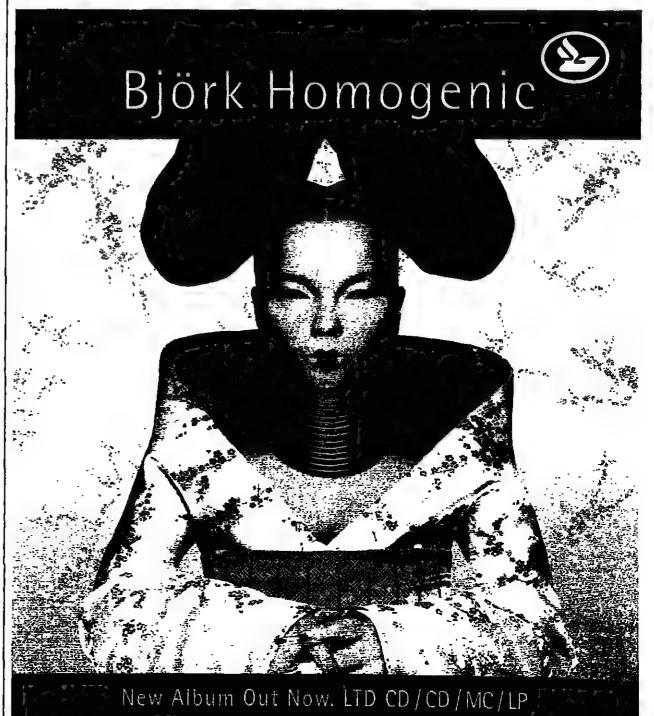
reasons — niggling inadequareasons — nigging madedua-cy, an itch to change things, maybe simply because she's got jam for brains — Kylie decides to Be Meaningful. As beautiful, desirable women tend to do when they want to look deep, she decides to look like a troll: the hair is hacked off and dyed to match the inside of old teapots: her lipstick is artily smeared over her face; and ironically, as her hair is now dry and matted, her skin becomes as shiny as a damp balloon. Gone is Pop on the new album, replaced by drum'n bass, trip-hop and guitary angst. It sounds like a money/sense ratio wildly out

of proportion.

annii, on the other hand, has gone back to Minogue Mountain and had a good old think.
"Kylie used to be blonde, uncomplicated, poppy and jolly popular," she muses. "But as soon as she stopped being the first three things, the fourth disappeared as well. and she's now being interviewed by uninterested exfootballers on daytime TV. So there must be a gap in the market for a blonde, dim sexkitten Minogue. Bingo! Pay-

day! Housey-housey!"
This is why, in the past three weeks, you may have clutched your remote in a whirl of flashback confusion. For there, writhing on a bed on The Chart Show, has been the spit of 89 Kylie - sculpted cheek-bones, wide blue eyes, candy-pink lippy, shiny blonde hair - singing the amazing Euro-pop A-Z that is All I Wanna Do. Two minutes later, you may have snapped your re-mote in half as The Real Kylie appeared singing Some Kind of Bliss - a Manic Street Preachers' C-side — and look-ing as if she was about to ask for spare change. All I Wanna
Do is one of the biggest singles
of 1997. Some Kind of Bliss
peaked at 28, and then
dropped out of the chart.
Dannii Minogue has stolen
Kylie's Kylieness; and Kylie is,
presumably, ening to sulk all presumably, going to sulk all through Christmas dinner.





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NEWCASTLE: First performance in a one week run for the Royal Shekespeer Company's delightful production of The Merry Wives of Windsor, land

Judge directs a cast headed by Laslie Philips, Joanna McCellum and Susannah Yon.

Susernah Yani. Theathe Royal, 100 Grey Street (0191-232 2061). Tonight-Oct 4, 7,15pm; mets tamorrow, Oct 2 and 4, 2pm. No performance Sun. (6)

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Listen, but don't look

The Weish National Opera's new production at the New Theatre of Mozart's late opera seria is musically superb, which is no great surprise since it is conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras, and WNO audiences have been looking forward to it ever since his unforgettable account of the earlier Idomeneo for the company two seasons ago. Mackerras finds everything that there is to be found in this comparatively neglect-

> La ciemenza di Tito Cardiff

ed score, emphasising its forward-looking qualities rather than in any way apologising for it as an example of a great composer warming over an antique form for ready money. indeed, you are reminded of

the positive rather than the curious aspects of it being written in tandem with The Magic Flute: just as in the Flute, no number lasts a bar longer than it needs to for dramatic purposes; many are surprisingly short, and when the three long arias come, you are really thirsting for them. Mackerras balances exhilarating vigour in the ceremonial music with tenderness and understanding in the working out of the complex psychological relationships. He breathes this music - enough said - and as always the WNO chorus and orchestra are at their very best for him.

Things are less happy on stage. The director-designer Yannis Kokkos has devised a budget-conscious, dimly lit



permanent set that has to serve for all the locations, and the soloists deive no deeper into the drama than standard operatic gesture will allow -Tito merely a stuffed shirt. Vitellia a Hollywood vamp. A work that sprang to life at Glyndebourne not so long ago here remains limp, dramatically inert.

But the soloists are marvellous, hand-picked and perfectly balanced. The Vitellia is

Isabelle Vernet, a pupil of a touch of vinegar to give it Regine Crespin who sounds and looks like her mentor, her fruity tone as voluntuous as her appearance. There may be one or two undisciplined phrases, but they certainly serve the drama, and she finds a sumptuous, well-upholstered legato line for "non più di fiori". Her antagonist, Sesto, is Cardiff Singer of the World Katarina Karnéus, her

real individuality, her technique fail-safe. Both big arias are wonderfully sung. Her fellow Swede Paula Hoffman complements her as Annio.

There is nothing of the "Mozart tenor" about Glenn Winslade, who sounds as if he could sing Siegmund before breakfast; maybe not all his coloratura is precise, but there is a splendidly virile ring to his singing. The outstanding

young Italian bass Umberto Chiummo is luxury casting as Publio — one short aria — but it pays handsome dividends, and Lisa Milne, who already has impressive Mozart credentials at home in Glasgow and sounds more and more like a young Lucia Popp, is an enchanting Servilla. Musicaily a faultiess evening, but don't. expect too much else.

RODNEY MILNES

RADIO: Clive Davis welcomes the arrival on this country's airwaves of a legendary American

mezzo glowingly bronzed with

have been everywhere: backstage with Woody Allen and Big Bill Broonzy, on the road with Martin Luther King; he even even peered into Joan Crawford's wardrobe and lived to tell the tale. The author of panoramic oral histories of the Great

Depression and the Second World War, the broadcasterjournalist once described as America's "father-confessor" has chronicled his country's progress for decades. It was only appropriate that this octogenarian's most recent collection should have been ritled My American Century.

While Terkel's books have the other dimension of his career - as a radio interviewer - is much less well known. Radio 4 will begin to put that right over the coming five weeks with Old Snibborn Guts, a compilation of highlights from his archives. Drawn from several thousand hours of recordings, the series will range from encounters with artists and intellectuals to the voices of the anonymous men and women who form the bedrock of studies such as The Great Divide.

The voice of the Terkel is heard in the land two essentials, with watch and

The series also marks the conclusion of the left-wing iconoclast's broadcasting career. At the end of this year he will sign off from WFMT. the Chicago station where he has hosted a programme since the mid-1940s. His archive, meanwhile, will be handed over to the city's Historical Society, where he will take up a part-time appointment as

Old Stubborn Guts offers an informal preview. The programmes have been compiled by Radio 4 producer David Prest, who has divided the series into broad themes, beginning this morning with Creative Spirits. Buster Keaton, Andres Segovia, Federico Fellini and the young Bob Dylan all have walk-on parts. The Dylan interview is, Prest says, one of the earliest recordings of the singer. "He sounds so precocious. Terkel got to him early, before the



can be a cry of pain

ets: very spaced-out."

be aware a close third," he says. "A laugh can be a cry of pain, and a silence can be a shout. And God knows how many different meanings there are to a smile." Curiously, in all the years he has been working on radio.

Terkel has never quite got to grips with the simple technology of a portable tape recorder You wouldn't believe his ineptness with all things mechanical." one of his producers once observed). But that very appearance of incompetence often helps to put an interview-

instalment in the BBC series. is a kind of fanfare for the common man. Terkel has been accused of having a sentimentalised view of the working class, but his ability to draw words from seemingly inarticulate individuals has rarely been equalled.

sure in the most unexpected places. In Tony Parker's biography of him Terkel describes how he happened to catch sight of a woman staring at a shop window: "I look to see what it is she's looking at, and ing in the window, she's

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persona was groomed. There's also an early one with Allen Ginsberg and other Beat po-Terkel's approach is the

antithesis of the fashionable adversarial style in which the reporter's ego runs rampant. Terkel simply offers gentle prompts and listens intently. 'I'd say listen and wait are the

ee at ease. Vox Humana, the third

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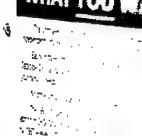
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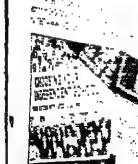
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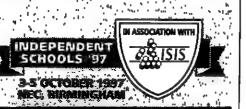
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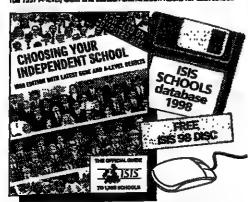
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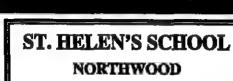
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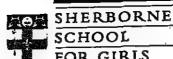
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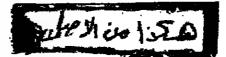
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EDUCATION

Vivian Anthony questions the praise for all-girl or all-boy schools; and John O'Leary finds some surprising results

Goodbody: supportive

When school is also home

The Times sports writer John Goodbody is married to Clarissa Farr, Principal of Queenswood School, Herffordshire. Here, he writes about his first year living at a girls' boarding school.

THE first problem was that the fire alarm kept going off. Just as Clarissa and I were settling down to a quiet dinner, the screech would alert 400 girls and more than 100 staff that someone's toast was probably burning in one of the boarding houses.

Although some staff in the 350 acres of grounds would take little notice, those in the main part of the school, including us, would come tumbling out of the music practice rooms, studies, the information technology centre and

As we lined up for numbers to be checked, there was no disguising the responsibility of running a boarding school. Nothing can be left to chance. What every parent wants to know more than anything else is that their daughter is being properly cared for.

We have had a particular empathy for this feeling because Clarissa is the first Principal in the 102 years of Queenswood to be both married and bringing up a young family at the school. Our daughter, Isobel, not only became what one pupil termed "the school's princess", she is also a constant reminder to us of how other parents feel. We want the best for Isobel, just as other parents want the

best for their daughters.

There are advantages in putting a family in the centre of a school. It gives an example to the girls that they can both bring up a family and have a demanding job, one often needing a 14-hour day. Two months ago, Clarissa had to stand up on speech day and address 800 people, just six weeks after giving birth to our son. Many of the girls will want to accomplish the same juggling in their future lives.

However, there can be embarrassing disadvantages. One set of new parents got out of their car to be greeted by two-year-old Isobel informing them that she had just dirtied her nappy.

ANY HUSBAND married to the Principal of a girls' school should adopt Denis Thatcher's policy of being quietly supportive, never expressing any controversial opinions and always walking a step behind your wife in public. I have needed a politician's memory for faces and names: which parents go with which girl, which girl plays in which netball team.

It is astonishing how quickly I have become attached to a school that until my wife's arrival was only a name, with some hazy associations of excellence in music and tennis. Last season. Queenswood narrowly failed to win two agegroups in the national hockey championships. When, in the third final, the decisive penalty stroke went in to bring a title at last. I experienced the same joyous relief as when Arsenal won the double. The girls seemed pretty pleased,

It is certainly odd living in the centre of an institution that alternates between the bustling activity of term-time and the calm of the holidays. During summer the place had the air of a country estate. We have relished such deserted facilities as the swimming pool and library, while the long jump pit has proved handy for building

sandcastles.

This state of relaxation ended three weeks ago, when cars filled up the drives, trunks were heaved into the houses and the girls embraced each other as they returned from holidays. Suddenly our home had become a school again.

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Are single-sex schools the best choice?

There is

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pectacularly good GCSE and Alevel results in single-sex schools
have led some experts to conclude
that this is the most effective form
of education. But statistics for independent
schools showing boys' and girls' results
separately cast doubt on this theory.
Girls are doing better than boys in most
schools, at least up to GCSE, and in many

schools, at least up to GCSE, and in many schools they are outperforming boys at A level. But outstanding results are achieved by girls in both single-sex and coeducational schools. Results for both boys and girls reflect the quality of entry into the schools. Perhaps the real position will be clearer

when we can calculate "value added". This year, for the first time, virtually all pupils in schools in HMC and many GSA, will have taken a haseline test on entry to their senior school from which value added will be calculated when they reach GCSE in a few years' time.

Even then, it will be argued that there is much more to education than simply academic results. With male A-level candidates in the 243 schools of all types belonging to the Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference

averaging 22.37 Ucas points at A level (better than two B grades and a C) and girls averaging 21.54, differences between schools may show up more clearly in other areas. And differences there are.

To judge by the figures, it is only in the last generation that parents have decided

last generation that parents have decided that they must offer their daughters the same opportunities as their sons. While numbers in independent schools have increased steadily over the past 15 years, the proportion of girls has increased from 41 to 47 per cent. Most of that increase has been in coeducational schools.

The range of choice open to parents is considerable. The boarding option is very much alive, with more than 80,000 pupils choosing this route. Why has there been more discussion about the relative effectiveness in terms of academic results between single-sex and coeducational than between boarding and day? Many boarding schools claim to provide the ideal atmosphere to allow pupils to make the most of their abilities.

By no means all independent schools are

highly selective. Much has been done to cool the hothouse atmosphere of some academic powerhouses. The shift of emphasis to providing a balanced education has enhanced rather than diminished academic performance. Some governors have seen the change to coeducational as part of this process, and all such schools have seen their results improve.

Some boys' schools take a step towards coeducation by offering places for girls in the sixth form. Such schools may be unpopular with neighbouring girls' schools which find their sixth forms depleted, but it does seem that some girls — more so than boys — are ready

for a change at 16.

Most schools aim to give pupils a different experience in the sixth form. Traditionally there has been greater freedom, relaxed uniform, more free time for private study. Neighbouring single-sex schools are developing a whole range of cooperative activities. At one extreme, schools of the same foundation are operating separate 11-16 schools, but bring the boys and girls together in the sixth form. They argue that this

enables young people to avoid distractions to their education during adolescence but still enjoy the benefits of being educated together when they are older.

No single type of school can claim a monopoly of virtues. Not all pupils are best served by high-powered academic schools. More than 80 independent schools have fewer than 300 pupils and can offer careful individual attention to pupils in need of particular support. Nor surprisingly such schools, which may be doing a splendid job, do not feature prominently in academic league tables. At the other end, there are some very large schools which can offer a wide range of courses and superb facilities. Parents will want to ensure that what a

school provides matches their child's needs. Some children will thrive wherever they go, others will need the right environment. There are good schools in each of the categories and no one type will be best for all pupils. Don't be beguiled by league tables, however they are constructed.

● The author is secretary of the Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference



Assessed separately from the boys, the girls of Sevenoaks School in Kent would climb 16 place higher in the GCSE league

Coeducational results turn the tables

RANKINGS BY GENDER

SINGLE-SEX schools filled 90 of the top 100 places in last month's GCSE tables and even more at A level. But when independent schools' results are broken down into totals for girls and boys, a different picture

Most obviously, a mixed sixth form produced the best set of A levels by far. Withington School (girls), in Manchester, may have been the only school to average more than nine Ucas points per subject taken, but the 37 girls of Westminster School beat that score comfortably. Their average of 9.3 points per entry was more than a quarter of a grade better than Withington's.

As in 1996, only the lower

average by Westminster's 132 boys prevented the school from topping The Times A-level table. Their average of 8.6 points per entry would have placed the school only loth, compared with the actual position of eighth. So much for the superiority of single-sex education: the boys had experienced some of the best that money can buy in the years before the sixth form at Westminster. The girls all came in from other schools after taking their GCSEs.

TOP MIDGED SCHOOLS AT A LEVEL

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minster's Head Master, said: "Obviously we attract some very bright girls, but my guess is that their success is to do with the dynamic of coming into a new school and coming up against some bright boys. They relish the change and the challenge,

and it has been tremendously good for the school."

The Independent Schools Information Service's second gender-based analysis shows that,

in the leading private schools at

least, the sexes broadly follow the national pattern of results. Girls do much better than boys at GCSE and are starting to overtake them at A level.

Thus, not only would Westminster's girls have triumphed at A level, but the girls alone at Sevenoaks School, in Kent, would have finished 20th at GCSE, rather than the school's actual position of 36th. Those at Bancroft's School, in Woodford Green. Essex, would have

The table on this page breaks down the results of the mixed schools which finished in the top 100 places in *The Times* league tables, showing the positions girls and boys would have occupied if they had been listed separately.

moved up from 45th to 22nd.

Another year, another financial headache

or most parents, the dawn of a new academic year means digging deep into their pockets — for school fees, uniforms, shoes and stationery — the list is endless. I always find my daughter has lost most of her geometry tools from the previous year, so we have to make a special expedition to buy a fresh protractor, compass and set square, not to mention coloured pencils, sharpener, rubber, glue and scissors.

The next item is clothes: teenage girls have a tendency to shoot out suddenly in all directions and this year's haut included shirts, tracksuit bottoms, hairbands, knickers and shoes. Ah, those clumpy shoes that give mothers more grief than anything! I almost had to close my eyes as I handed over more than £60 for a monstrous pair with huge heels and soles.

But the largest outlay is, of course, the fees. With independent school fees rising at an average annual rate of 5.2 per cent, several points above inflation, parents who opt for private education are having to dig deeper every year. For the pre-prep age, the fees for day pupils average around £850 a term; for the 7-to-13s, £1,725; and for the senior school, £2,125.

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These are hefty sums, particularly if you have more than one child. Parents tend not to think about the total amount they will spend on their privately educated child from the ages of 4 to 18—and I certainly don't want to spook them—but it is unlikely to befar short of £130,000 when one takes inflation into account.

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That is why financial advisers recommend careful planning. "You really have to start in the first four years of a child's life." says Joe Collins, the executive director of Invest for School Fees, a firm of independent financial advis-

ers in London.

There is no direct tax relief for parents who pay fees. In 1996 the Charity Commissioners removed the charitable status enjoyed by educational trusts. So financial advisers now recommend a range of tax-efficient financial instruments to parents, depending

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on their willingness to take financial risks, how much they are prepared to save and how much capital they have. Such schemes have the advantage of being flexible — the money can be used for other things if circumstances change.

Joe Collins draws up school-fees plans using tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas), index-linked National Savings Certificates and/or corporate bond personal equity plans (Peps) for parents who are thinking ahead and are prepared to invest several hundred pounds a month.

he plan that parents take out will often not cover all the cost of school fees. It might cover only 60 to 70 per cent, but that could be the difference between being able to live comfortably or being on the breadline.

breadline. Stephen Whitehead, an independent financial adviser in Altrincham, Cheshire, suggests Peps or endowmentwith-profit policies — or a combination of the two. Those who are averse to risk can lean more heavily on endowment policies, which never decline in value; those who favour the stock market can tilt towards Peps. The Independent Schools

Information Service suggests that the best way for parents to provide for school fees is to set up a series of endowment policies so that one policy matures for each child for each year's fees. The advantage is that the profits and growth in value of these policies are usually free of all personal income tax and capital gains tax.

If you have some capital,

that is one of the best ways to

fund the eventual costs of independent education. You can do so through the guaranteed school fees plan set up by the SFIA group of financial advisers in High Wycombe. Chris Procter, the managing director of SFIA, gives an illustration: the parents of a child starting at a feeder prep school for St Paul's boys in 2010, would need to find a total of £180,000, assuming inflation of 6 per cent. A down-payment of £90,000 now, invested in the guaranteed school fees plan, would provide that sum.

What do you do if you have made no plans and have inadequate funds for school fees? Mr Procter recommends a complete financial review. Money can be found by restructuring mortgage payments, restructuring the payment vehicles for the mortgage or by using pensions. Alternatively, parents can take out an unsecured trans.

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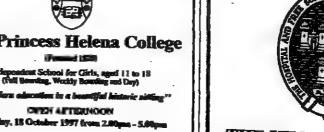
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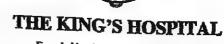
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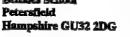
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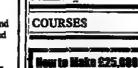
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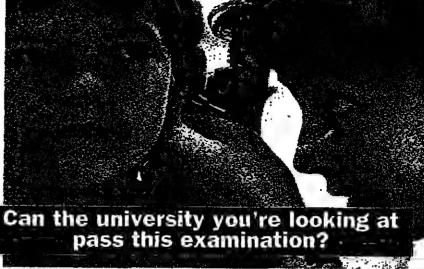
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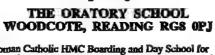
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Gough withdraws

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DARREN GOUGH has withdrawn from England's cricket

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Australia when his son, Liam, was born. The England and Wales Cricket Board have granted permission to Gough, who will be replaced by Matthew Fleming, of Kent. Both. players will attend training in Lanzarote in November. Sussex have cleared the way for Shane Warne to take over

the captaincy by setting up a new structure with David

Gilbert, the former Surrey coach, as director of cricket and

Peter Moores, the wicketkeeper who led the side last season,

as player-coach. The snag is that they still do not know

whether Warne will join them in the face of counter-offers from Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire.

Llerena to meet Hamed

BOXING: Victor Llerena, of Colombia, was yesterday

named as the next opponent for Naseem Hamed. Llerena,

25, winner of 19 of his 20 bouts, will challenge Hamed for his

World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title in Sheffield on October II. On the same bill, Steve Collins

defends his WBO super-middleweight title against Joe Calzaghe and Chris Eubank, the former world champion,

RUGBY UNION: The Rugby Football Union has been

criticised by two companies over the way that potential

sponsorship agreements have been handled (David Hands

writes). Bass Brewers and Barclays Bank, who were

interested in backing the union's knockout competition, formerly the Pikington Cup, say letters of complaint have

BOWLS: John Bell, of England, and Gary McCloy, of

Ireland, will contest the men's singles final in the European

team championships in Guernsey tomorrow and the winner will be challenged by Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, or

Judith Wason, of Wales, in the champion of champions final

in the afternoon. The mixed pairs round robin resumes

today, with Scotland leading Ireland on shots countback.

Singles title at stake

begins his comeback against Mark Prince.

RFU under attack

FOOTBALL

Ravanelli joins Marseilles in £5m transfer

By Russell Kempson and David Maddock

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI'S brief yet controversial stay in England ended yesterday when he moved from Middlesbrough to Marseilles for a reported fee of £5 million. The Italy forward was expected to resume talks with Tottenham Hotspur about a loan deal until the end of the year, but instead signed a four-year contract

with Marseilles. Although the French club readily announced the transfer, Middlesbrough, almost predictably, added a final note of farce to the tiresome saga. "We don't know what he is going to do." a spokesman said, It was later confirmed that Ravanelli had left the club.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, will have to accept a loss of £2 million on the transfer, but at least he reduces his wage bill by about £42,000 a week. The possible move to Tottenham broke down over condi-tions. Ravanelli said: "At my age, I don't feel I have anything to prove to anybody. Tottenham can't expect me to spend the time from now until Christmas on trial." A spokesman for Tottenham said: "A permanent move has obviously proved a more appeal-

ing option for the player."
Chelsea and Manchester United could face disciplinary action from the Football Association after an alleged scuffle in the players' tunnel - believed to involve Dennis Wise and Gustavo Poyet, of Chelsea, and Roy Keane, the United captain - at half-time during the 2-2 draw at Old Trafford on Wednesday night. Police later confirmed that stewards had

had to part the players. "We're awaiting the referee's re-port and possibly other relevant reports," an FA spokesman said yesterday. "Only then will we decide what, if any, action needs to be

Michael Hughes, the Northern

Ireland midfield player, has completed a £1.6 million move from West Ham United to Wimbledon, while David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, may soon be looking for a new club himself if reports are to be believed.

An alarming 5-2 home defeat by Derby County has put Pleat's tenure at Hillsborough into stark perspective. Pleat has never won over the Wednesday supporters and now the storm clouds are gathering. The Wednesday board is becoming restless and Pleat's performance over the next month will be analysed closely. His side travel to face Aston Villa tomorrow and then play Grimsby Town in the second leg of their Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie. Wednesday are 2-0 down after the first leg and failure to overhaul the deficit could have serious consequences for

After the defeat by Derby, Pleat was aware enough to recognise that his position is under pressure, and he admitted as much when he said: "There is bound to be a reaction after a defeat like that. I understand the supporters want to see the team win and play well, that is what they are craving for. There is bound to be an adverse reaction, but you have to live with things like that. You have to face it head on, otherwise you wither and

"This job is a challenge for me right now, we face all sorts of challenges and we have to see if we're up to it, but I must remain calm."

Three victories from Wednesday's next five matches could help to appease the supporters and the board, but most important to Pleat, is the visit of Grimsby next week. If Wednesday fail then, it is unlikely that the bookmakers will offer generous odds of his chances of survival at **EQUESTRIANISM:** BANBURY CROSS RIDES HER LUCK

Coupe races clear to leave field trailing

NIGEL COUPE, a former leading junior rider, gained a hard-earned victory in the opening international class at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena yesterday when he and his consistent Banbury Cross won the Woodpecker Shavings Trophy from a field of 58.

The victory, in which he relegated Trevor Bartlett, of Ireland, on Hillview to second place by 0.77sec, was particularly sweet. Coupe has had a frustrating summer with the li-year-old mare. "She's been jumping brilliantly," he said, "but she keeps having an unluckly four faults."

The last occasion was a week ago in the Turin Grand Prix. It nearly happened again yesterday when Banbury Cross, who is owned and bred by Coupe's Lancashire neighbour, Margaret Upton, rattled fence 7 during her lightning swift round, But this time their luck held and they crossed the finishing line in 43.77sec.

None of the 34 who followed could match their time. Michael Whitaker looked threatening on Virtual Village Elton until incurring three faults after too sharp a turn into the penultimate fence. His older brother, John, on his best speed horse, Heyman, finished in fourth place.

Earlier, Matthew Lanni's belief that his six-year-old French-bred gelding, Carneville, is the best young horse that he has ridden was confirmed when the pair won the hotly contested Senior Newcomers Championship after a fast and furious jump-off.

Lanni, 31, who helps his father, John, to run the popular Arena UK equestrian centre in Lincolnshire, was drawn second of the ten who qualified to go against the clock. The early draw did not concern Lanni. "It means I can go at my own speed whereas if I'm late on in a jump-off there's a tendency to try something silly," he said.

Despite this self-imposed curb



John Renwick and Temple Voyager plot their course in the Senior Newcomers Championship at Wembley yesterday

and his father's advice to make a clear round a priority — Lanni went like smoke round Richard Jeffrey's six-fence course to take a 3.71sec lead ahead of Andrew Davies on O'Harry. "I knew he was special the first time I sat on him," Lanni said of the young horse that his father bought from France a year ago. "I jumped four fences when I tried him that was enough."

Although Lanni has had several wins at Wembley since his first show in 1980 — including the 1986 Senior Newcomers and the 1992 Grade B -

yesterday's was the most rewarding. The standard is so much higher now," he said. "All the novice classes take a lot more winning."

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Lowes has steel appeal RUGBY LEAGUE: James

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Pollock to play again

CRICKET: Graeme Pollock, the renowned South Africa batsman who played in his last Test match 28 years ago, has accepted an invitation to play in a curtain-raiser for his country's forthcoming tour of Australia. Pollock, 53, will play for an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a festival match against the South Africans at Lilac Hill Park, near Perth, on November 25.

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Haas (Ger) bi 7 Nydahi (Swo) 6-3, 6-4, A Clement (Fr) bi M Larston (Swe) 7-6, 3-6 6-4; A Radulescu (Ger) bi F Santoro (Fr) 5-2, 6-3

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mond in hand. Declarer now

plays a trump. West wins and

plays a second diamond;

again declarer ruffs. He now

draws the last trump and

cashes the king and ace of

hearts. Here the queen drops

and he can claim. If it did not

he is in the right hand to test

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Sport and in the Weekend

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In last week's Refresher we saw one good reason for ducking at

trick one when you are in a suit contract. In this week's hand

declarer refrains from taking his ace immediately, because he

wishes to postpone his decision on what to discard.

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Contract: Six Spedes by South.

Once his partner showed

some spade support in his no-

trump opening it was reason-

able for South to take a pot at

Declarer's strategy should be to draw trumps and cash

the ace and king of hearts, succeeding immediately if the

queen should fall (he can

discard his club loser on the

ace of diamonds). If the queen

of hearts does not fall, he

discards his small heart on the

ace of diamonds, ruffs a heart,

again succeeding if the suit

breaks 3-3. If there are no

favourable developments in

hearts he can take a club

If declarer wins the ace of

diamonds at trick one be does

not know what to discard. He

has to commit himself before

he has tested every possibility.

The solution is to leave the ace

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TAB32

EENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British juniors

Latest calculations indicate that British junior players occupy leading spots in several of the lower category age groups. In terms of world rankings for under-14-yearolds, Luke McShane, with a projected rating of 2,470, is in world No 2 slot to R. Ponomariov, of the Ukraine. In the under-10 group Gawain Jones, with a projected rating of 1,785, is the top British junior in that age group while, the most encouraging of all, T. Thiruchelvam is No 4 in the world under-nine group, with

of 1.800. Risk management

Today's game concludes my coverage of Kasparov's record breaking simultaneous display against the Argentina national team. Kasparov's 25th move introduced a policy of great risk and the champion's play could have been refuted in the diagram position by means of 26 ... Bxg5. White: Kasparov Black: Zarnicki

Buenos Aires, September 1997

Queen's Indian Defence 2 c4 3 Nf3 7 Bg2 8 Bc3 **9**8 9 Nbd 11 Re1

14 s5 15 Bd2 Raci 20 Red1 21 h4 22 Og4 23 Oh5 Bg5 Nyb6 26 Nxi5

Diagram for position after White's 26th move



Fixed? Nc.5 Be3 R45 Rd7+ - Nb6 Rd6 Nbb3

After 26 ... Bxg5 27 Rxd7 Rxc1+ 28 Rd1 g6! Black would have an overwhelming position.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

CRWTH A microscopic measuremen b. Welsh society

BLACK FIVE a. A Jamaican wind quintet b. A classic locomotive c. A roulette investment

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a. A sea-battle feature b. A cowboy's knot c. Cattle sedative

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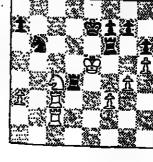
a. A horse disease b. The Gluck opera

Answers on page 50

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from

the game Borbjergaard - Sulskis, Poland 1997. Instruction books will often say that, in the end game, the king is a strong piece and should he used aggressively. But there are exceptions. Here White has been too adventurous in this respect.

Solution on page 50



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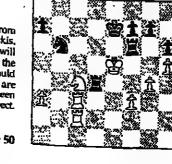
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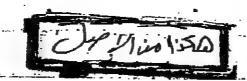
c. An old instrument

GLANDERS

c. An Oxford playboy

How did Black continue?





RACING: GOSDEN AND PESLIER COMBINE TO TAKE GOODWOOD HONOURS

Decorated Hero catches quarry

BRITAIN'S oldest pack of foxhounds, in whose honour the Charlton Hunt Supreme Stakes is named, still holds the record for the longest day in the field - having covered 57 miles in ten hours on January 26, 1739. At Goodwood yesterday, 84 seconds proved more than enough for Red Camellia and Oh Nellie, who ran themselves into the ground to set up the group three prize for Decorated Hero.

Both these classic-placed fillies like to dominate, but their cussed battle for the lead left withem exhausted, a pair of sitting ducks for Decorated Hero, who swept through under Olivier Peslier to beat Restructure by just over a

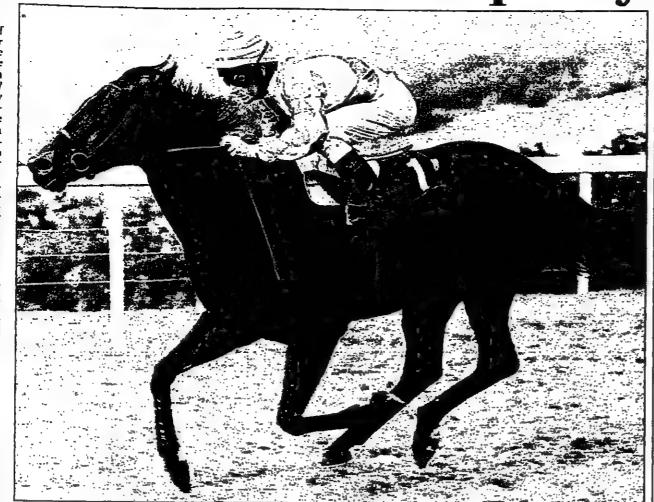
Decorated Hero was one of the seven winners Frankie

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FERNY HILL (3.50 Redcar) Next best: Pairumani Star (2.20 Redcar)

Dettori rode on that historic afternoon at Ascot last year, but John Gosden - who furnishes him with the bulk of his rides on the equivalent card tomorrow - dismisses the Italian's chances of even a fraction of that success. Russian Revival, in the Diadem Stakes, would appear the only horse leaving Stanley House with anything resembling a vote of confidence. The stable is certainly in form, however, Gosden and Peslier completing a 62-1 treble with Bel

Canto and Young Josh. It should perhaps have been four. Peslier rode yesterday because Dettori is suspended, and Gosden left the tactics to the French champion after misleading him over what to expect from his first runner. Media Star in the NFU Rated Handicap. "Trainers should keep their mouths shut, real-



Decorated Hero lands the Charlion Hunt Supreme Stakes at Goodwood yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

ly," he said. "I told him that Media Star was not freshened up properly, in that his main target is the Tote Cesarewitch. and to ride him as he found him. That may have been a bit too careful, and we should have gone a bit stronger, made the running again - not that he particularly needs to."

In the event, Peslier rode Media Star conservatively in a field of only four and, a real galloping type, he could not muster the turn of foot to catch Georgia Venture, who won by a length. Hills eased Media Star to 12-1, from 10-1, for

Newmarket, but Coral believes his chance to be undi-minished at 10-1. "He has run a good trial, and had a good blow afterwards," Gosden added. "It was a lot of weight to give to a three-year-old in form.

Oh Nellie had carried the colours of Michael Tabor, who is distinctly cautious about his own hopes for the weekend. He sounded discouraging about both Entrepreneur, running for the first time since the Derby in tomorrow's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, and Kilimanjaro, who already heads

the betting for Epsom next year, in the Gtech Royal Lodge Stakes on Sunday.

"Entrepreneur won the 2,000 Guineas first time out, so he can run well fresh," Tabor said. "But in the spring he had an uninterrupted preparation, whereas this time it has perhaps been a bit different. And while Kilimanjaro looked a very nice horse at Sandown, the ground will be completely different this time. a lot faster."

Before Entrepreneur's chastening experience at Epsom, where he went off at odds-on

but pulled a hamstring. Tabor praised him with such conviction that you could back him for everything short of the

world billiards championship.

Tabor is now studiously non-committal, protesting that he wants to keep the pressure off Michael Stoute. Entrepreneur's trainer. But the horse did not impress working at Ascot last Thursday, and has been quiet as the grave in the ante-post market. All in all, it is difficult to resist the sense that pessimism, rather than mere nerves, afflicts the Entrepreneur camp.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm 2.00 (2m) 1, Feither Sky (J A McCarthy, 12-1); 2, Wilkins (12-1); 3, Pataemon (8-1), Red Reja P-2 (av. 15 can. 2), 384 (0 Sharwood, Totar: 29.30; 52.80, 54.00, 52.50, DF. E49 80, Trio Ssh.40, CSF, 5198,94, Triosat: 2896,10 2.30 (7) 1. | Charleso (A Hills, 11-4 favt; 2.

Dendy Flagent (25-1), 3, Telemena, (7-1), 11 ran 141, hd W Hesn Tote: 63-80, 61-70, 67-10, 61 60 DF: 563-40, Trio. 684.00, CSF: 573.08 Tincast \$407.51 8.00 (2m) 1, Seorgie Venture (R Firench, 5-2: Terrebseper's top rating), 2, Medie Star (Evens lav); 3, Meio-Ane-Mou (9-1), 4 ran 11, 71 S Woods Toler 63.70, DF: 62.10

3.30 (7) 1, Decorated Hero (O Pecler, 6-4 levi: 2, Restructure (16-1); 3, Newsarvs (5-1), 6 ran 1141, 1141 J Goscien. Tote: 52.30; £1.50, £3.00. DF: 59.40 CSF: £22.79

4.00 (1m 2) 1, Bel Canto (O Pester, 10-1); 2, Tough Ad (11-2; 3, Quest Venture (7-2). Dick: Cupin 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 31, ril. J Gossten: Tote: £10 10; £2.50, £1.80 £1.20 DF: £38.70. Tvo: £37.20. CSF. £55.68 DF: \$38.70. Yeo: \$37.20. CSF: \$59.80 4.35 (51) 1, Young Josh (O Pesier, 5-4 tay); 21, Chief Whip (4-1); 21, Upiting (33-1) 10 ran. Nr., dd-1rt. J Gooden. Tote: \$2.50; \$1.40, Chef Whip £1.40. Upiting £4.10. DF: Young Josh, Chef Whip £3.10; Young Josh, Upiting £14.10. Tric: £26.70. CSF: Young Josh, Chief Whip £2.72; Young Josh, Upiting £27.20

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UpBiting 527-20

S,05 (1m) 1, Rico Stanva (S Sanders, 5-1)lav); 2. The Thruster (8-1); 3. Etalds (11-2)

Short Fornance 5-1 (-5av. 10 ran, MF King)

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52-40, 52-50, 52-90 DF: 528-20, Teor

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2.40 (6) 1, Prompt Delivery (K.Derley, 3-1); 2. Nurthorpe (14-1); 3, Leokit: (8-1) Corrorate 9-4 feet 16 rain Mr. SI M. Stoule Tota: 23.22 £1.40, £490, £190. DP; £31 40. Tito: £79.20, CSF; £46.15. 231 du. Hito: 2792.0. CSF: 1201.53 2.10 (tim 4pt) 1, Nasidal (D'Holland, 4-1); 2, Summer Deat (9-1); 3, Campari (10-1). Chocolate 5-2 tax. 11 rath 34, 44 M Johnston, Tore: 54 70; 52-20, 52-20, 52-30 Drivestor, 2316-33 1

Inteast: £316-93 3.40 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Euhahaul (K Daslay, 5-1); 2, Prachincha (14-1); 3, Intatuetion (5-2 lay), 10 an. 14, 254, J Durdop, Toke: £4 50; 26 60, £3.10, £1.70, DF: £39-90 Thor £30-40 CSF: £87-95, Trocast: £198.70. 2.00 of CST: 207-30. Hitsatt 2186-70. 4.10 (Im 4gd) 1, Close Up (K Defey, 6-6 ler; Richard Evers's map; 2, Free Option (12-11: 3, Fry by Night (5-1), 13 ran 29-1, 14 J Duntop Toler 52:A0, 52:A0, 52:A0, 53:O DF \$218.30 True 52:6 50. CSF: \$17.86. DF 218.30 Inv 259.31. Carrol. 14-1): 2. Junier (18-1): 3, Brecongli Lad (12-1): 4. General Sir Feler (12-1): Carrolnovani 5. F

22481 Incast 2,038.5. 5.15 (1m 2 6yd) 1. Bubble Wings (N Day, 100-30 lay), 2. Hisar (6-1), 3, No Distinct (9-2) 13 ran 19-1, 11 S Woods Tote 23 60; 21 40, 22 70, E.180. DF: £14 60. Talo: £36 20. CSF £19.85. acepst: £104.80. Quadpot: £15.50.

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Georg: good to livro 2.15 (2m of 110)of holie) 1, Bet Frees (B Storey, 4-1): 2, Alersco (B-4 twi); 3, Radical Reform (5-1): 8 can 9t, sh hol. C Parker Tota. 54-50; 21 80, 21.70, 51.40, DF 27-50. CSF- 511.25 CSF (1125) 2.50 (2m 110pt hole) 1, Rual Fire (F Leishy, 7-2); 2, lon Massish (11-2); 3, Broedgala Flyer (14-1), Lyriust 7-4 lav. 6 rán. 194, dist. M Meagher. Tole: \$5.30; £1.60, £2.60, DF: £29.60. CSF £18.11. 29 (0) CSF 219 11. 3.20 (2m 110g) Indig 1, Paide Ol Kauhmir (G Tormey, 13-8 law), 2, Galway Boss (2-1); 3, Nor Espat (13-2). 4 ran NR; Rapid Mover Nk, 3. P Hobbs. Tole £1 90 DF: £2.20 CSF £5 01.

2.50 (27 ch) 1, lines-No-No (R Gerrity, 3-1); 2, Teeps/n'alch (11-4 fss); 3, Batley Fired (3-1) 6 ran, 2, 150, M Hammond, Totae £360, £2.20, £1.90 DF: £2.80 CSF: £10.61

4.20 (3m 110yd hdio) 1, Juhann (A Maguine, 12-1); 2. Gymorak Cyreno (7-2), 3, Sour-clorarer (10-11 tav), 4 ram 11, 241, J Dodda. Toje: \$8.70. DF. £14.90, CSF: £42.61. 4.55 (2m ch) 1, Ansbrach (E Calaghan 9-4); 2, Baba Au Phun (5-2); 3, Tom Brodie 15-4 tasy 4 san NPt On Golden Pond 1tst, 2 J.Jetterson Tote, £3.20, DF £3.60, CSF: £7.44.

5.26 (2m 110yd llaf) 1, Slllymore (1 Jardine, 16-1): 2. Amoebic (9-1): 3. Januaudy (50-1). Mr Tees Components 6-4 (av. 15 tan 5h hd, 2-4): P Montein, Tote: \$39.10; 28.30, £1.60, 522.00 DF: \$397.30, Troc £75.60, CSF: £119 65. Placepot: £877.10. Quedpot: £203.30.

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MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,808: 5f) (10)

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4.40 KENT HANDICAP

2.10 EUROTUNNEL DEVELOPMENTS LTD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

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11-4 Polot, 9-2 Petro Bento, 6-1 Opera Balt, 7-1 Herb, Reel, Freedom Chence, 8-1 Satajack, 10-1 Kresno, 12-1 others.

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TRAMERS: J Berry, 4 wexaers from 11 numers, 36.4%, C Horguo, 8 from 29, 27 6%, L Cuesaol, 3 from 11, 27.3%, S Williams, 9 from 34, 26.5%, M Haston-Elis, 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Gooden, 3 from 13, 23 1% JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 7 witness from 37 rides, 18.9%, N Day, 3 from 18, 16.7%, Dane 0 Niell, 15 from 90, 16.7%, T Sprale, 12 from 75, 16.0%; R Firenach, 3 from 22, 13.6%, E Hand, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

5.10 DRBITAL TWO LIMITED STAKES

4.10 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP

2.40 KENT DEVELOPERS GROUP CLAIMING

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 Goldfill. 2.50 Trojan Hero. 3.20 Macari. 3.50 Catchable. 4.20 Look Who's Calling. 4.50 Lindesberg. 5.20 Mill End Quest.

GOING FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.20 E B F MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,334: 1m 1l) (10 runners) DG ALTITUDE 8 M Prescott 9-0 5 DOUBLE BLADE 14 M Johnston 9-0 5 DUDBLE BLADE 14 ME JORDSON 9-0 ... a mm.
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4 READ-PACE COVER 9-0 L LOCAL B.B. A READ-PACE COVER 9-0 L LOCAL B.B.

2.50 MICHAELMAS APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(12) 5353 SABIT EXPRESS 5 (D.P.) Mrs. M Reveloy 7-10-0 \$ Cope (3) 83.
(11) 1600 PALACEGATE TOUCH 9 (B.D.F.C.S) J Berry 7-9-13 (4) -5.05 HOPESAY 36 (V) J Gosden 3-9-6 . R Havin 72 55 0000 FRENCH GRIT 40 (C.D.F) M Doos 5-9-6 . F Lynch 73 0001 JUST 606 (C.D.F.G.S) S Katileural 8-9-6 (Fe) (1) 0000 THWAAB 12 (V.CD.F.S) F Winton 5-9-7 F Bradley (7) 59 (8) 2503 TROJAN MENO 30 (F) Mrs M Reveloy 6-9-13 (No. 0000 MANUAL 12 (N.F. CO. 0000 MANUAL 13 (N.F. CO. 0000 8 (15) 0020 MALUA 13 (D.F.S) 7 Barran 4-8-12 Victoria Ap 9 (3) 3250 JOHAYRO B (D.F.G) J Goldo 4-8-10 1 10 (16) 0060 LEMHOX LEWIS B (D.F.) D Michalls 5-8-10 12 (10) 4480 GIPSY PRINCESS 6 (B,F) M W Extently 3-8-5 S Figurations (7) 83 13 (14) 0020 PLIM RRST 9 (CD,F,S) M Pail 7-8-3 . A Michols (7) 81 14 (7) 1300 STURYTELLER 14 (V,6) Mrs. J Remission 3-8-3 I F Degram 81 14 (7) 1300 SILENDAD 8 (0.F.S.) J Soldie 7-7-10 A Polit (3) 79 15 (17) 6505 ANTITIVESIS 102 (5) J Habter 4-7-10 J McAdey (7) 88 17 (13) 8480 STEPHENSONS ROCKET 27 (V.F.S.S.) R Fahey 6-7-10 R Wincton (5) 78

3.20 TEESSIDE SELLING HANDICAP

(£2,670: 1m 2f) (17) (1) 0000 FIJUL 14 (D.F) 8 Meeten 4-10-0 ... 6 Hannon (7) (17) 50-0 PICKENS 11 (F) E locas 5-9-10 ... IOM Tripler (4) 0002 BRATE TAKES 29 (S) E Wayner 3-9-8 ... N. Darley (13) 6010 RANDEER 000EST 22 (F.S) 15 (Fe 5-9-3) ... R. Lappin (7) 6206 WEET A BIT 4 R Hollenshead 3-9-2 ... D Griffetts (3) (11) 0806 TART 22 (S) Peace 4-8-10 ... K Fabor (3) 0300 TEZARA 8 B Hanbury 3-9-8 ... J Forbaro (5) 09-0 RANSED 11 (D.G) F Watson 5-9-8 D Sweecony (3) (10) 08-0 RANSED 11 (D.G) F Watson 5-9-8 D Sweecony (3) (14) 3200 ACOLUTTAL 13J (V.F) A Streete 5-9-6 R Hanbur (3) (15) 6350 MACARY 13J B Burgh 3-8-6 ... G Parkin (3) (15) -000 MIGHFELD PCT 34 C Fashurs 4-9-4 L Chemock (16) 0000 THAT OLD FEELING 34 (F) D Chapman 5-8-3 Feesby (3) 9-2 Gode Times, 11-2 Random Quest, 13-2 Tari, Texado, 7-1 Localess, 6-1 Acquittal, 10-1 Pilial, 12-1 others

3.50 CONSTANT SECURITY RATED HANDICAP

(£4,529: 1m 6l 19yd) (5) 1 (3) 0050 WAHBA SANDS 14 (F) J Dunlop 4-9-9 . K Darley 94 (5) 2131 FERRY HILL 4 (F) M Procost 3-9-10 (3en) 8 Sanders 92 2104 STEAMFOLLER STANLY 14 (F) C Dyor 4-9-8 (4) 0-21 GD0D HAND 28J (CD.F.6) S Kettlewell 11-8-8 J Fortune 62 (1) 518D CATCHABLE 14 (6) H Cool 3-8-5 K Faller, 97 6-4 Ferry Hill, 6-2 Steamroller Starty, 4-1 Catchable, 5-1 Walnute Sands, 18-1 Seed Head.

4.20 AUTUMN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,691: 71) (12)

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(12) 5/0 DISTAKT IONG 9 6 Kelly 4-9-3 S Firmersore (7)
(4) 0080 LDOK WHO'S CALLING 27 8 McMehren 4-9-3 K Darley
(5) 0290 BARNEKREH BOY 13 1 Extendy 3-9-0 ... S Sendery
(7) 2330 BARNEKREH BOY 13 1 Extendy 3-9-0 ... S Sendery
(8) 0290 COLWAY RITZ 7 J Warts 3-9-0 ... Character
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(13) 0000 TATADON 4 (8) D Chaptran 3-9-0 ... Date Chisan
(14) 0000 CHAPTER ACCORD MAY SEC (8) D Loter 3-9-0 ... Date Chisan
(15) 3-64 SPEEDBAT 114 J Syrs 3-9-0 ... Date Chisan
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4.50 RED CROSS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,490· 61) (4)

LINDESBERG M Johnson B-11 D Holland
D4 SPECIAL TREAT 22 (8) 0 Lode 8-11 K Falso
07 TAMBURELU 5 J J Bery 8-71 J Fortune 47
3 YANGMAMU 34 J Bossim B-11 K Darley 74 11-8 Yanomemi, 2-1 Special Treat, 5-2 Lindesburg, 18-1 Tamburello. 5.20 SEPTEMBER NURSERY HANDICAP

| 1-1-0: 2.5, UO-2: 51 | (a) | (b) | (b) | (c) | (c) | (d) |

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HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.30 Sunny Isle 3.30 AERLEON PETE (nap)

4.00 Duraid 4.30 Classy Cleo 5.00 Poltari

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 ACID TEST. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Sunny Isla.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Received number Draw in brackets Soc-tigure form (F — left, P — publied up 16 — enterested noter B — brought down S — stipped up R — refused D — dissputitified) Horse's name. Days ance tast outing, J il jumps, F il lea (B — Eperhald, B — Draws V — visan M — hood, E — Eperhald, E — course winner D — distance winner CD —

byourije in laiest race). Going on which horse has swouthe in sees record cours or which notes in won (F — furm, good is Britt, bank [5 — good S — soft, good is soft, heavy). Owner in bracious Traines. Age and weight. Bude plus any alfongance Timekseper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 STANLEY 498 MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £3,583. 1m 2i 120yd) (7 runners) BETTING: 2-1 Luvre, 5-2 Seacon Silver, 11-4 Sunny Isle. 8-1 Acolona, 10-1 Monetigs, 39-1 All Galls Funger, 56

1996: NAAZEQ 8-9 R Hills (9-1) A Stouget 15 rate

FORM POCISS

Limin 91/1 4th to Ghahb in 1m Newbury maiden (soft) Mowelge
17/1 9th to Rasha in 1m Newbury maiden (good) Taborite 80/1 his Defical in 14th 1971 with maiden (soft) Acolina 21 th to Soy knoth
to Defical in 14th 1971 with maiden (soft) Acolina 21 th to Soy knoth
Surany Isle 3/41 3rd to Desert Beauty in 1m Salisbury maiden (good to soft) with Beacon Silver
(levels) 6/41 5th

SUMMY ISLE can confirm Salisbury supernority over Beacon Silve

3.00 STANLEY LEISURE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0, £3,566; 7f 30yd) (6 runners) (2) 0- MAYPOLE 337 (Shakin Mohammed) O Loder 9-0 R Cochrate,
(6) 2-56000 MOONSHIRER 25 (V) (Baron 6 von Ulamann) G Wrageg 9-0 Pisal Eddery
(3) 0530343 PRESENT CHAINCE 6 (BF) (1 Gusse) B McAlaham 9-0 L Newton
(5) CELESTIAL RIDGE (C Marphy) J Cart 8-9 R Hills (1 3-8300 NAWA-81 (0 (H a Malabam) P Wahrun 8-9 R Hills (1 4) O ONRA 50 (Ms G Fanel J Bethell 8-0 J Red SETTING: 13-8 Present Chance, 5-2 Name-Rt, 3-1 Maypole, 7-1 Moonchuse; 14-1 Olize 33-1 Celestan Hége, 1996; NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Maypole 111 9th to Za-Im in 61 Newbury marker (soft), Moonshiner 941 9th to Antarcic Storm in 1m Hamilton handicap (good),
Present Chance 51 3rd to Caulinus in 71 Cattends marken (good to
firm). Kawa-Ib 841 10th to Mujora in 71 Sandown stakes (good). Oldra 241 4th to Bright Heritage in
Im Pontellact marken (good to lim) PRESENT CHANCE has good opportunity to open chance

3 30 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP

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(£2,007; till 31	ZOUYO (C TENED TO BE OF SECURITY (7)
1 (7) 5030105	CELESTIAL CHORR 14 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs. C. Syles) J Eyre 7-9-12 S Buckley (7) CELESTIAL CHORR 14 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs. C. Syles) J Eyre 7-9-12 S Buckley (7) F Cockrane
1 (2) 3529356	BILLY BUSHWACKER 16 (F.S) (I Child) Mr. M Revelry 6-9-5 R Cockmane BRILY BUSHWACKER 16 (F.S) (I Child) Mr. M Revelry 6-9-5 J Reid
2 (2) -500211	AFRIEDN PETE 14 (D.F.G.) (P Locke) M Stoom 3-9-4 AFRIEDN PETE 14 (D.F.G.) (P Locke) M Stoom 3-9-4 Past Eddary
3 (3) 700211	METEOR STRIKE 16 (F) (A Abdulla) Mrs A Pereti 3-9-0 Past Eddery METEOR STRIKE 16 (F) (A Abdulla) Mrs A Pereti 3-9-0 R Hills
4 (8) (4)	METFOR STREET OF (1) to Management J Gosden 3-9-0 R Hills MARSUL 16 (V.D.F.) (H al-Matesum) J Gosden 3-9-0 R Hills MARSUL 16 (V.D.F.) (H al-Matesum) J Gosden 3-9-0 A MacStone
5 (5) 13-43310	MARSUL 16 (V.D.F) (H al-Marcourn) 1 Gesourt 3-3-3 My LEARNED PREND 14 (B.C.D.F.G) (Mrs. J Roberts) A Hade 6-8-12 A McGaon My LEARNED PREND 14 (B.C.D.F.G) (Mrs. J Roberts) A Hade 6-8-12 C Robert
6 (6) 0224600	NY LEAGUE PREFIN (Mrs D Blackburn) H Carroy 3-8-4 C Rotter STAHR 27 (B.D.F.S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Carroy 3-8-4 C Lowetter (5)
; (4) 0-03110	STARRED (BLOCKES 45 (RETLE) (Mrs P Harrs) P Harrs 4-8-3 C LOWERT (D)
8 (9) -662120	STAHR 27 (B.D.F.S) (Mrs I) SEASONIN 11 CHAPTS P Harris 4-8-3 C Loweller (5) PASSING STRANGERS 45 (BF.D.F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-3 C Loweller (5) PASSING STRANGERS 45 (BF.D.F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-3 C Loweller (5)
4 (1) 0-20041	PASSING STRANGERS 45 (B-D-F) MAS P realist To Booth 4.7-11 (Sen) F Norton BLENHEIM TERRACE 11 (D.F.G) (East late Al-pros) C Booth 4.7-11 (Sen) F Norton Care 0.3 Calestal Chor 11-2 May Bushwacker. 13-2 Marcel, Breathern Terrac
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1996: HAYA YA NEFAAH 4-8-9 T Sprake (16-1) N Babbage 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

Celestial Choir 5¼1 5th to Daniesque in 1½m Doncasier handicap (good with My Learned Friend (11b better oit) 9¾1 10th Billy (good) with My Learned Friend (11b better oit) 9¾1 10th Billy (good) Marsul 181 10th Aerleon Pete beal Pennys From Heaven 6th in 1½m Doncacier stakes (good to Boodwood stakes (good) Marsul 181 14th to Saucatio Bay in 1m 6¾1 Doncacier handicap (good to Goodwood stakes (good) Marsul 181 14th to Saucatio Bay in 1m 6¾1 Doncacier stakes (good to Goodwood stakes (good) Marsul 181 14th to Saucatio Bay in 1m 6¾1 Doncacier stakes (good to Bennys From Heaven in 1m 3 Bath handicap (good) Bleinheim Terrace bear Classic Baltel ¾1 in 1½m Musselburgh handicap (good to him)

BILLY RIISHAMHACKER can deep Andrea Andrea

BILLY BUSHWHACKER can deny Aericon Pete a teble

4.00 STANLEY LEISURE DREAM MILE HANDICAP £3,891: 1m 30yd) (18 runners)

1	(14)	124-000	GRAND MUSICA 111 (6) (Mech 3 Recing) Banding 4-9-13 R Cochrane	80
2			BAND ON THE RUN 13 (CD.F.Q.S) (D Allen) & McMaton 10-9-8 Paul Eddery	· 83
3	(13)	24-1050	CHINA RED 69 (D,F) (N Browns & Partners) J Hills 3-9-7	76
4			OURANI 13 (D,G) (A Suddes) D Smith 5-9-6	85
5			ORANGE PLACE 9 (F.G.S) (Lodge Cross Pers) B Liousilyn 6-9-4 S Buckley (7)	73
ě.			SHEER FACE 10 (D,F) (A de V Pairett) W Muit 3-9-2 J Reid	25
7			MASTER BEVELED 97 (CD.F.O.S) (Mrs. E Williams) P Gross 7-0-2 J.F. Egun	73
8			SUALTACH 23 (F,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollinsheed 4-9-0 W Ryan	71
9			ALPINE HIDEAWAY 9 (D,F) (Peter Easterby) M W Easterby 4-8-13 T Lucas	43
10			CELEBRATION CARE 6 (COLF, 6) (Lightney Ltd) Miss L Parati S-8-12 D McKnown	88
11			JUST VISITING 32 (G) (Mrs A Mossourica) J H Wilson 3-8-12 C Relief	77
12	(7)	1434000	SUEZ TORINADO 13 (D.G.S) (J Berry) E Alistae 4-8-11 M Heavy (S)	91
13	(8)	4004100	JETE KNAGHT 22 (D.F.G) (K Hadgeset) M W Exstady 3-8-8 Filotion	78
14	(3)	35616-0	SYCAMORE LODGE 27 (G) (D Lore) M Pell 6-8-0	70
15	(16)	166540P	SMOKEY FROM CAPLAW 5 (F,G) (G Bernacchi) J J O'Neill 3-8-7 A MisSione	84
16	(12)	4602000	MOUNTEATE 13 (D.F.E) LI Coupland) Ni Berlin 5-8-7 A Confiance	98
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Iñ			KASS ALHANIA SK (D.F.G) (J. Wilcox) D Coupress 4-8-3 J Online	90
TI	-		12.7 Chart Fare 7.1 Graves Glove Made N. Chart R.1 Band Do The Day Marke Da	-

BETTHG: 4-) Duraid, 13-2 Sherr Faco, 7-1 Ovarge Place, Hight OX Glass, 8-) Bund On The 12-1 Chim Rest, Alpose Hideanuy, Jedi Yought, Mountquite, Nass Allmon, 14-1 others. 1996: Hight PREMIUM 8-9-2 A Cultume (11-2 fau) it Fabuy 17 am

FORM FOCUS

From Haydock tendicap (good to firm). Chiral Red 101 11th to Another Time in 1mtl Newtony transcription of 1mth Directors and 1mth Dir

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4.30 STANLEY CASINOS HURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y	-0: 1	:3,355:	61) (11 runners)
1	(4)	10	PRENCESS HATALE 56 (S) (Al Bulle's Sin Family S'mont) MW Easterby 9-7 T Lunes 1
2	(3)		NHEYRAH 36 (O.F) (H al-Maksoura) E Durslop 9-6
3			PETER'S IMP 35 (D,F) (Mr & Mrs P Foden) J Berry 9-3 J Carrell 4
4			SRANSTON BERRY 16 (D.F.S.) (Domend Racing Link) J Eyes 9-1 S Buckley (7)
5			COOL SECRET 35 (D.F) (6 Durby Plans) A Multivaliant 9-1
6			CLASSY CLEO 21 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abbry) P Evens 8-11 J F Egen 1
7	(10)		ACIO TEST 7 (D.F) (A de Y Patros) W Mair 8-8 Martin Duyer 🔝
6	(8)	00555	HEATHYARDS SHEK 31 (L. Margan) R Haffershead 8-8 R Cochram
9	(6)	6544260	QUEZ MASTER 9 (V) (Mas R Hanton) E Weymes 8-7
10	(9)		FORTY LOVE 17 (B,D,G) (E Caser) J Banks 7-12 C Regard
31	(1)	200	MISS DANGEROUS 108 (M Chare) M Chareon 7-10
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FORM FOCUS

Princess Notation 10) 11th to Lady Alexander in St Goodwood group
iff stakes (good to fam). Rheyraft beat Turnbrived Prespect 393 in
Stakes (good to fam). Rheyraft beat Turnbrived Prespect 393 in
Estate in 61 Thirsh handicap (good). Branston Berry beat Ascot Dyclame seat in 659 Dentaciste
Miles handicap (good). Branston Berry beat Ascot Dyclame seat in 659 Dentaciste
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Chapple-Hyam has faith in Cape Verdi

A RE-RUN of York's Lowther Stakes is likely in Tuesday's Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket, with the first four home on the Knavesmire all intended runners.

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However, Peter Chapple-Hyam is not wor-ried about his Cape Verdi taking on Embassy again despite the unfavourable terms. "We definitely plan to run," Chapple-Hyam said.
"We need good, fast ground. It was far too soft at York."

Emhassy's regular jockey. Pat Eddery, is out for the season with back trouble and a replacement has yet to be found but the filly was vesterday described as a definite runner.

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yesterday. The Irishman sustained the damage in the Kevin McManus Beginners Chase when Brian's Delight tumbled on landing at the last and fired him to the ground.

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Montgomerie gets his wish with Woods rematch

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN AT VALDERRAMA

COLIN MONTGOMERIE'S dearest wish has been granted. He will be able to look deep into the soft brown eyes of Tiger Woods on the first tee this morning and detect whether the American has the strength of character to respond to the unique challenge of a Ryder Cup debut.

The huge galleries drawn by

The huge galleries drawn by golf's latest icon will be an irrelevance, mere background noise. Montgomerie, who partners Bernhard Langer against Woods and Mark O'Meara in the final four-ball match of the day, will reduce the contest to an acutely personal level.

He has chosen to invert reality, to find something sothing in his third-round collapse in the Masters at Augusta, when he was relegated to the role of roadsweeper at the coronation of Woods. This is his chance for redemption, his opportunity to restore alohal respect

Principally, though, he has a warped compliment to repay. Montgomerie has not forgotten the withering stare that Woods reserved for him as he arrived on the first ree for that fateful third round, when the American established a nineshot lead. It was a mute declaration of war, a signal of intensity that must be matched. "All I've heard for months is

Ryder Cup, Ryder Cup, Ryder Cup," Montgomerie said.
"Not a day has gone by without me being forced to talk about it, think about it. You try to convince yourself you're bored with all the hype, but deep down you know it provides the buzz you are looking for.

"Now it's finally here, I want Tiger. This isn't Augusta. It's best to avoid him there. He's like Thomas Muster on a clay court. It's his home. But Valderrama is different. This is my home. I've won here. Now we'll see if Tiger can play on my grass court."

Tweaking a tiger's tall is a dangerous exercise, but it is



the essence of this Ryder Cup. Golf may be a non-contact sport, governed by gentlemanly conventions, but it does not need theatrical rage or thuggish behaviour to project raw aggression. It is there, registered in a glance or a gasp.

"I hate to lose more than I love to win," Montgomerie, who is on the verge of winning the European order of merit for the fifth successive year, said. "That's why I've been so successful. One man cannot win this competition by himself, because we are not playing as individuals, but we all draw distinctive things from ourselves."

Matchplay shines a searchlight into a player's soul. It highlights strengths, underlines weaknesses. Montgomerie was hyperventilating when he completed his Ryder Cup singles debut at Kiawah Island in 1991, winning the final four holes to steal a half



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from Mark Calcavecchia. The memory is burned in his brain. "You can detect weakness," he said. "You see a guy fold emotionally in front of you, sense when he has nothing more to give. Tony Jacklin said to me. as I walked towards the 18th tee against Calcavecchia: 'You've only got to stand up to win this hole.' He was right. You could see

The eyes give you away, especially on short putts. I can remember Davis Love III putting up to less than two feet from the hole when we were paired in the final round of the US Open. It looked a formality, but I noticed him shoot a look at his brother, Mark, who was caddying for him. His was were empty

eyes were empty.

"I whispered to my caddie: This ball is not going in.' He said: 'What do you mean? He can't miss.' But sure enough he never looked like holing it. I've learnt from that. Now, in matchplay, I think (wice about conceding a putt, especially when I sense the other guy is expecting me to do just that."

This is the type of advice that he will dispense when, as he expects, he is paired with one of Europe's five rookies over the next two days. Though his motivation has a powerful intimacy, he is ready to respond to the wider responsibilities of his seniority.

"Seve [Ballesteros, the

Europe captain! feels it is time I did for someone what Nick [Faldo] did for me," he said. "He gave me a lot of advice, but the No! thing he always told me was to remember that no matter how nervous I was, the other guy was just as nervous. You always think you are the only one who is suffering. You can't play this game when you're uptight."

You must be self-contained, self-confident. You must possess an instinctive ability to condense and channel your energy. Ultimately, in the Ryder Cup, it all comes down to who blinks first.

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Spaniards prove masters of ceremony

LYNNE TRUSS

At Valderrama

Pauses for applause were built in to the order of ceremonies at Valderrama yesterday afternoon. "Lorenzo Mila introduces the Symphony Orchestra and Choir of Malaga," the programme said, "and thanks them for their introductory music — pauses for applause." Nice to know that nothing was being left to chance. The schedule featured such precise landmarks as "4.26pm (teams enter)", "4.53pm (Tom Kite introduces his team)" and "5.11pm (naval band of San Fernando strikes up first note)." I've never specified 5.11 in my life. It just goes to show how hard everybody is trying.

A splendid event this was, actually. The sun shone, a light wind rocked the cork trees lining the practice ground (the chosen arena). proud equestrian women in vivid flamenco dresses backseat lifts on haughty Andalucian steeds, and it was like Barcelona all over again, only without the fireworks and the internationally-renowned artistes. In advance of the ceremony, we worried that it would be embarrassingly excessive orchestra, stallions, naval band, royalty, ceremonial flag-raising, and a parade of

for its restraint and dignity.

The teams came out at 4.26. or thereabouts. They looked great, especially Seve. Fred Couples blew kisses to the crowd, many of whom probably returned them. As always, the co-ordination of shirt, tie and jacket was suggestive of a lot of people who made identical mistakes getting

the golfers' wives — but in the

event it was excellent mainly



dressed in the dark, but at least the Europeans wore a rich royal blue, as opposed to the dull khaki of the Americans. Imagine the difference between peacocks and peahens and you'll get the idea.

Introduced by their cap-

Introduced by their captains (at 4.53pm and 5pm) they stood up and waved. Tom Kite announced his team in alphabetical order, in hammy cadences familiar from Tony, the Frosties tiger ("He-e-ere's Freddy!" you half-expected from him to say). It was a clever idea. When he got to the alphabetical conclusion. I believe he actually prefaced his announcement with that old showman's injunction "Wait

for it". "From Orlando, Florida!" (pause) "Ti-i-iger moods!" Perhaps he could have been less showbiz about it, but what the hell. The players smiled and waved, specific process of the players smiled and waved, specific parts of the players of the

and Phil Mickelson did his cute Hugh Grant impression. The European roll-call was less expansive but the guys were evidently gratified and slightly embarrassed by the cheering, especially when the Spaniards in the crowd demanded that Olazabal stand up a second time. The climax of the European list was, of course, Nick Faldo (cheers, cheers), but if it was a popularity contest, he lost hands down to Woods. Oddiy, he made that flat, pushing

gesture with his hand that means "Calm down, that's enough," before sitting down and replacing his sunglasses.

What a pleasant way to spend an afternoon, with the sun baking your back and your trusty periscope always to hand. Celebrity spotting didn't take up too much time especially if you weren't Spanish. The Duke of York was bere, as everybody knew, and a gossipy whisper of "Who's that woman he's with?" was met by a general don't-know-can't-see. In the VIP car park, incidentally, there is a two-feet high "HRH" sign fashioned out of tin-foll, which has the devopearance of a roadside shrine, but in fact (we kave deduced) has something to do with the Duke's special park-

Having never seen the Ryder Cup officially opened before, the event yesterday seemed just right. What an inspiration to have horses do the job normally done by the Red Arrows, weaving in and out of each other, crisscrossing without colliding. These beasts do not trail red or blue smoke but on the other hand can do bumny-hops while standing up on their hind legs, and can bounce from hoof to hoof while stationary, in a manner suggestive of hot coals.

How Jimmy Patino felt about all this is hard to guess. Patino is the grass-obsessed owner of Valderrama, who

'It was excellent mainly for its restraint and dignity'

famously rises before dawn to supervise the groundsmen (the lawnmowers have headlights) while personally trimming the greens with nail scissors: rumour has it that he knows each blade of grass by name. And now big nags were churning up his turf.

Anyway, the point is, the event is now officially underway: no going back, that's it. As the flags of the participating countries were raised to the sound of their national anthems, we all studied the players' reactions displayed on a jumbo screen, and got a bit sniffy. Suddenly the phoney war was over; this was real. Faldo mouthed the words during the British national anthem: Lee Westwood's face just crumpled — the lad was stricken, not to

say overwhelmed.
So those scheduled moments for applause turned out to be redundant. We applauders are as professional as the golfers in our own small way; and we know when a horse (for example) is doing something it would really rather not. We know that in the next three days these guys are going to do the most heroic thing anyone ever does with a golf club in their hand. Fantastic.

Hole story that drives players to fury

t is the hole from Hades. It is the 17th at Valderrama and it has been worked on, revamped and fiddled with continually over the years. In its latest incarnation it is the work of Severiano Ballesteros, no less. And still the players hate it.

hate it.

It is 511 yards of trouble and strife; because of the problems it presents, and its location, it is also the hole that might decide the Ryder Cup. Beyond doubt, it is a good matchplay hole, but is it a fair one? Ballesteros says it is; every-

body else disagrees.

The hole has come in for all sorts of opprobrium in its time. In its original form it was a tedious, unreachable par five to an elevated green that nobody could see when lining up the third shot. Robert Trent Jones Sr., the distinguished and controversial American designer of Valderrama, tends to polarise opinions, but this time he did not — nobody liked the 17th.

Then there was the Patiño factor. Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, the owner of the club, had had a love affair with Augusta National for years and he saw in this hole the opportunity to create something similar to the 15th there. What Patiño wants, he gets.

wants, he gets.

The man chosen to give the hole a facelift was Ballesteros,

Mel Webb takes a wary look at Valderrama's dreaded 17th, which has been turned into a place of fear and loathing

who, not being one to do things by halves, brought the green down the hill and put water in front of it and also shortened it by 60 yards. If he had stopped there, the hole might not have become the object of loathing it is today. However, with his next move, establishing a 20-yard belt of thick rough 290 yards from the championship tee, he started a

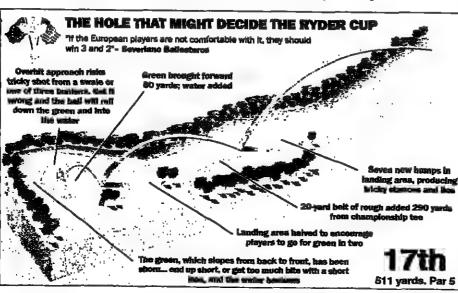
ball of criticism that is still rolling, unabated, to this day.

Not content with that, Ballesteros tinkered again in 1995 by building seven humps in the landing area off the

Ballesteros tinkered again in 1995 by building seven humps in the landing area off the drive to produce all sorts of tricky stances and lies. He then halved the width of the landing area on the second shot to encourage players to go for the green in two. What he

forgot was that not everybody is as adventurous as he is.

To make things even more difficult, the front of the green, which slopes down from back to front, was shorn, so the brave going for it in two and hitting marginally short, or the prudent going in with a short iron and getting too much bite, end up in the same place — agua.



For those who play safe by hitting to the back of the green. an overhit approach will go into a swale or one of three bunkers. If that happens, great delicacy of touch is needed if the ball is not to roll down the shallow green — and into the water.

Satisfied with his work. Ballesteros went away. Plenty of people wish he had not turned up in the first place. Colin Montgomerie is one. "The man who designed it may be the best player who ever lived, but he is no course designer," he said. "It's the worst hole we play all year — the worst in Europe." Sam Torrance agrees. "Shaving the bank is just sadistic," he said. "The third shot is the scariest chip in golf."

Unsurprisingly, Ballesteros defends his creation. "What is the difference between having the rough in the middle of the fairway or having a ditch or a bunker?" he said. "The hole is reachable in two with an iron, but it is not an easy shot. Why should it be?

"If you hit a par five in two it should be because you have hit two fabulous shots and not merely because you can hit the ball a long way. It takes skill to control a long shot over water to a distant green. I am very proud of what I have done here. I think it is a great hole."

Kite calls on trusted friend for role of right-hand man

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FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

DENNIS SATYSHUR will on to be the man in the headlines at the Ryder Cup this week—unless something goes horribly wrong—but the 47-year-old professional from the Caves Valley club in Movings Mills, near Baltimore will be an important cog in the linited States' match effort.

United States' match effort.
Satyshur is simply called Football by Tom Kite, the old friend who rang him up last year and asked him if he would be his assistant at Valderrama. The story goes that Satyshur said he would be delighted, put the phone down, then rang Kite back to

say, "Did I hear you right?"
Satyshur — the name is
Slovak-Russian in origin —
was a quarterback at Duke
University, where he was also
on the golf team, and he and
Kite roomed together when
they played in the Tour qualifying school in 1972. It was
Kite who came up with the
nickname because he could
not easily get his tongue round
the surname (if you break it
down into three bits — Sat-eesher — then run them together
again quickly, you have the

pronunciation, more or less).

Kite went on to great things

on the course and Satyshur became a club professional. He was at Five Farms in Baltimore — where Liselotte Neumann won the US Women's Open in 1988 — before he moved to Caves Valley, where he is the director of

Satyshur's position as Kite's assistant in Spain is not an official one but his existence is not in doubt — he even has his own buggy, a bright red model with the words "assistant captain" on its bonnet — although his own preference is to keep a low profile. "Let's just focus on the matches," he said yesterday, horrified at the thought that he might be the

subject of any attention.

That is one of the reasons why Kite picked him, for Satyshur is no egotist. He is a pleasant, unassuming man with an eye for detail and his role is that of the trusted, ultra-reliable, efficient No 2. His job is to do whatever the captain wants him to do, to be an extra pair of eyes and ears— Severiano Ballesteros has Tommy Horton, Mark James and Miguel Angel Jiménez on similar duty. His buggy is filled with water, soft drinks,

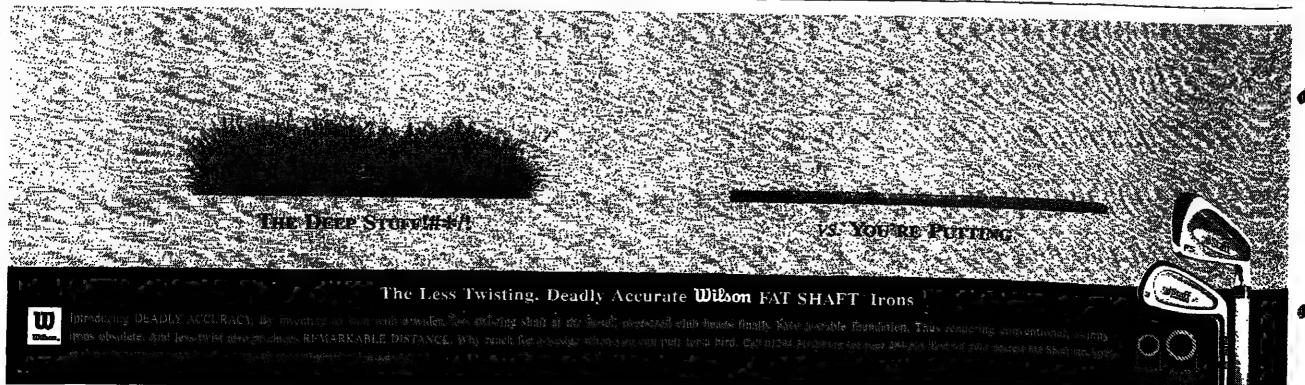
chocolate, towels, all the supplies that might be needed during the course of a long, hot, tense day. Anything that helps the players, Satyshur is

there to do.

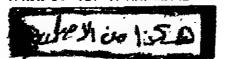
That the captain, meticulous to a fault, has picked Satyshur for this vital, if anonymous task speaks volumes for his qualities. Blowing his own trumpet is not the Satyshur style but some of his members are here and they have no such inhibitions.

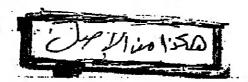
"He's the perfect guy for the job," Barbara Shapiro said he's so even-tempered and caim. He's good at sizing up a person and he'd have a good feel for putting the right players together."





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Captains take different strokes to achieve their ultimate goal

Rob Hughes believes the personalities of the Ryder

Cup team leaders could be vital to the outcome

THEY sleep under the same roof of the San Roque hotel, but they are worlds apart in temperament and style. Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe team captain, and Tom Kite, captain of the United States team, are non-playing leaders of their continents this weekend. Non-playing is the biggest misnomer imaginable: they have rehearsed and rehearsed, every hole, every pairing, every last putt of this Ryder Cup more times than many of us have breakfast.

This impotence could be harmful to their health, particularly to Ballesteros. Shortly after 4.30am yesterday, restless and with the fires burning

inside him, he awoke. Shortly afterwards he telephoned his pal and Ryder Cup assistant. Miguel Angel Jiménez, and invited him to his suite to select the opening fourballs. Ballesteros could not hide the pressure and the pain of choosing the men who would play today.

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who would play today.
Across in the American wing. Kite was sleeping, he said, like a

baby. He had already known his selections two days in advance, though he told the players only yesterday morning.

It is this contrast between the two captains that could prove decisive. In their different ways, they have first to control themselves and then seek to impart their knowledge and experience to their teams. Talk to the men who will play for them over the next 72 hours and you learn of Kite's "tedious and grinding" thoroughness, and of Ballesteros's fiery inspiration.

Mark O'Meara, the American who used the word "tedious" about his team captain. marvels at the thoroughness with which Kite, a studious Texan who could pass for a banker in his spectacles, collated 300 days of the Valderrama weather and analysed the strength and direction of the wind. Whatever the captain gleans from that homework, he must sparingly impart to his team, for they, after all, must swing a club and need free minds to be able to do so.

Ballesteros, by comparison, offers principally himself — his ferocious drive, renowned for peaking against Americans, his energy, his emotion. To Colin Montgomerie, Europe's

outstanding player, Ballesteros said yesterday: "Colin, don't feel you have the obligation to win all the points. Just play. Relax. And if the team wins, it's great for all of year."

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On the first tee this morning, what will Ballesteros say to the rookies? "I tell the rockies," Ballesteros, mispronouncing the word, said, "try to be

nouncing the word, said, "'try to be focused. Relax. Enjoy. And good luck."
Relax. he says. If only Ballesteros could, reduced to anxiety by the onus upon him, not merely of following in the footsteps of Ryder Cup greats, but inaugurating the tournament in his homeland. Reduced to four hours sleep a night and reducing his lieutenant.

Jiménez, to the same fretful state. How can he ensure that that neurosis is not transmitted?

It could be the key to the tournament. Ballesteros, by the way he moves, by the sheer feline grace of his off frame, seems to dwarf the 5ft 8in Texan, but not in demeanour, not in background, not in the commodity that

raised Kite to Ryder Cup-player status in 1979, the same year that Ballesteros made his debut.

There is something about a man who, less naturally imbued, works his way to the fore. At the press conference, Kite sat with a purposefully relaxed style. The Americans are practised in front of the camera and the smile that Kite wore yesterday, the confidence he espoused in every member of his team, was radiant.

He delivered his line-up moments after Ballesteros had revealed Europe's, and he paused for dramatic effect before announcing: "In the last of the four pairings, against Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, I had Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara... I can see the buzz around you all. It is an exciting fourball. We'll find out whether Colin was accurate in his assessment of Tiger's game."

He was playing on the psychology with which Montgomerie had earlier sought to mount pressure on the 21-year-old American phenomenon. Ballesteros could play the same game. There is something reminiscent of Terry Venables in the expressiveness of the Spaniard: the arched eyebrow, the rapid quip to evade a serious question.



Ballesteros guides Darren Clarke, who is making his Ryder Cup debut, through his final practice round. Photograph: Tim Matthews/Allsport

Asked how Montgomerie would cope with the torturous slowness of his partner, Langer, Ballesteros responded: "If we put Langer on for the first match at 9 o'clock, we would probably all miss lunch. I think, perhaps, Colin has to walk a little bit slower."

While Kite then retired to freewheel among his men, Ballesteros broadened the base of his purpose and his concerns. "I want to say something really significant," he announced. "It's really unfortunate that the trade union of the police intend to hold a meeting at San Roque when the Ryder Cup opens. Maybe the representatives for the Spanish police are right [in their cause

for improved payl, but this is not the right time to do these demonstrations.

"I'm a bit disappointed, because we are bringing with this Ryder Cup a lot of good things to our country. We are being watched by 700 million people around the world. I would like them to reflect, to pick some other time, some other place. This will be seen as the Spanish nation hurting ourselves."

Self-wounding is a Latin theme. The

Self-wounding is a Latin theme. The Italians fear it before the forthcoming World Cup qualifying match in football against England. And some, watching Ballesteros, undoubtedly the core of Europe teams past, wonder if his strength, the flame of his passion, could, indeed, become self-wounding.

HOCKEY

Ipswich pursue pleasure

By CATHY HARRIS

AFTER stumbling at the final hurdle in their efforts to capture the women's premier division title last season, lpswich have adopted a different approach this year. "We're going to enjoy playing." Lucy Youngs, their new captain, said. "And we've taken the pressure of ourselves by not mentioning a thing about winning the league or the cup.

league or the cup.
"It's ironic we're playing Trojans tomorrow because that's where we blew it and the season ended on a terribly flat note." The 2-2 draw not only ended Ipswich's hopes but helped the Southampton-based team avoid relegation.

"We have three experienced players who won't always be available because they work shifts," she said. "Any injuries could really throw us." Two police officers — Sarah Bamfield, a forward, and Nicky Osborne, the reserve goalkeeper — plus Debbie Rawlinson, a midfield player, will be regular absentees, while Vickey Dixon, the former England and Great Britain international, is

uncertain about her future. Pete Atwell, the Clifton coach, said he was confident that Kath James, the former Trojans striker, will be fit after recovering from glandular fever to play some part against the newcomers, Olton. Sally Wright, a penalty-corner specialist, returns for the Warwickshire side, whose coach, Gavin Featherstone, has resolved to keep a lower profile after receiving an official warning last week after his comments from the sideline directed at the Olton players and the umpires.

☐ England will take on the Olympic silver medal-winners, South Korea, at Milton Keynes on November I. The match will be televised on Grandstand and all National League fixtures have been postponed.

TENNIS

Rafter survives the lean years to dream again

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

PATRICK RAFTER is an escalating presence at the top of the tennis hierarchy. As has been evident in his two matches here this week, winning the US Open has added a measure of self-belief to his many virtues. Having dismantled Thomas Muster on Wednesday, he followed up yesterday with a convincing dismissal of Marcelo Rios to enter the semi-finals of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup. Poor Rios did not play badly; it was just his misfortune to meet Rafter at his formidable best.

Rafter, 24. has come through at exactly the right time. In nine months, his world ranking has advanced 60 places to No 3 — although his awe of Pete Sampras may prevent him usurping the perennial leader by the year's end. Michael Chang, the world No 2, has failed to dislodge Sampras but Rafter should prove a more difficult impostor to keep at bay.

Rafter certainly has the artillery to rattle Sampras's defences. A penetrative service and excellent volleying skills form the core of his arsenal but Rafter has now developed consistency in his groundstrokes. This he displayed in abundance against Rios, a baseline specialist whose discomfort at the net proved an insurmountable handicap. In winning half of his ten service

Rafter: growing presence

games to love, Rafter, who prevailed 6-1, 7-6, never allowed his Chilean opponent the scent of a break.

To record that Rafter has earned \$1.275 million (about ESSO,000) for winning in New York and reaching the Grand Slam Cup semi-finals is to ignore the likelihood of further

progress here.
It is no less than he deserves, having been burdened with excessive expectation when a teenage prodigy in Australia. The dream turned nasty on him two years ago, when a serious wrist injury stopped him in his tracks.

"Over the years I've learned to appreciate tennis," he said. "There were a couple of years where I was very frustrated, a bit of a miserable bastard on the court. I just wasn't enjoying the game." Now he has resurrected himself to heights that have surprised him. "The weirdest thing labout winning the US Open! is that I still don't feel like I did it. I still don't believe it happened. I never realised I could play that

Those thoughts suggest that Rafter has further progress to make in the realm of self-belief. He is a rare Australian: one whose opinion of his merit is understated. "I think Sampras is well above the rest of us," he said yesterday. Such reverence will not help him run down Sampras, who mastered an exhausted Rafter in their Davis Cup rubber last week.

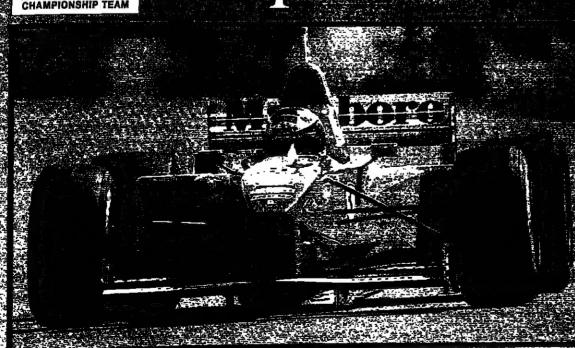
Perhaps Rafter will have cause to raise his sights. His route to the final is blocked by Petr Korda, who overcame Cedric Pioline in straight sets yesterday. Should Rafter prevail, there is every prospect of him meeting Sampras in the final on Sunday.

The occasion would mark

the meeting of the world's best two players in a fitting conclusion to a tournament that has so far failed to fire the imagination.

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THE PRIMES Described with the best team score after the European Grand Prix on October 20, will win £2,000 courses of four sponsor vierboard World Championship team. Prizes of 110,000 and 150,000 will go to two applies up. The manager with the best score at the Luxenthourg GP was a reposit two to next year 2 beaust GP. The maner-up will receive a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom game for two to next year 2 beaust GP. The maner-up will receive a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom game.

HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED IN AUSTRIA DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the Improvement from starting grid to fin

start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole J Villeneuve 30 points; 2nd M Hakkinen 25; 3rd J Trulli 24; 4th H-H Frentzen 23; 5th R Barrichello 22; 6th J Magnussen 21; 7th D Hill 20; 8th E Irvine 19; 9th M Schumacher 18; 10th D Coulthard 17; 11th R Schumacher 16; 12th J Herbert 15; 13th G Morbidelli 14; 14th G Fisichella 13; 15th J Alesi 12; 16th S Nakano 11; 17th P Diniz 10; 18th G Berger 9: 19th U Katayama 8; 20th J Verstappen 7. Finishing points (scored for the top 20 classified positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st J Villeneuve 60 points; 2nd D Coulthard 50; 3rd H-H Frentzen 40; 4th G Fisichella 30; 5th R Schumacher 29; 6th M Schumacher 28; 7th D Hill 27; 8th J Herbert 26; 9th G Morbidelli 25; 10th G Berger 24; 11th U Katayama 23; 12th J Verstappen 22; 13th P Diniz 21; 14th R Barrichello 20. (Only 14 were classified. P Diniz and R Barrichello were classified although they did

not finish the race.)

Lap points (one point for each lap completed): J Villeneuve Lap points; O Coulthard 71; H-H Frentzen 71; G Fisichella 71; 71 points; D Coulthard 71; H-H Frentzen 71; D Hill 71; J Herbert R Schumacher 71; M Schumacher 70; U Katayama 69; 71; G Morbidelli 71; G Berger 70; U Katayama 69; 71; G Morbidelli 71; G Berger 70; U Katayama 69; 71; G Barrichello 64; J Truffi 58; J Verstappen 69; P Diniz 67; R Barrichello 64; J Truffi 58; J Verstappen 69; P Diniz 67; R Barrichello 64; E Irvine 38; J Magnussen 58; S Nakano 57; M Salo 48; E Irvine 38; J Alesi 37; M Hakkinen 1.

Improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): G Fisichella 30 points; G Berger 24; D Coulthard 24; J Verstappen 24; U Katayama 24; R Schumacher 18; J Herbert 12; P Diniz 12; G Morbidelli 12; M Schumacher 9; H-H Frentzen 3.

Fastest lap time of grand prix J Villeneuve 10 points.

Penalty points Incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted):

G Berger -10 points. Did not finish the race (10 points deducted):

E Irvine -10 points; J Alesi -10; M Hakkinen -10;

R Barrichello -10; M Salo -10; J Trulli -10; P Diniz -10;

S Nakano -10; J Magnussen -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

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CONSTRUCTORS: Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Williams 30 points; McLaren 25; Jordan 23; Ferrari 21; Arrows 20; Sauber 19; Benetton 17; Minardi 16; Tyrrell 15; Stewart 13. Penalty points Incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): Benetton -10 points. Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): Prost -20; Stewart -20; Ferrari -10; McLaren -10; Benetton -10; Arrows -10; Tyrrell -10.

Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none.

Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

With up to 600 bonus points available in nonorrows. Uncertibourg Grand Prix for the managers who correctly predict the first three delvers is cross the finishing line, the race for our £25,900 top prize is still wide open. Heading our leaderboard is A Bradley of Godalming, Surrey. His team: Slickhead 3 scored 846-points at the Austrian Grand Prix to take his cumulative score in the competition to 10,297 points. Hot on his tail in second position is P Waite from Cheltenham. His team, Waite Racing Fl. scored 840 points in Austria to take his total to 10,098 in the competition. D Coolican of London E14 (Coolsport, 10,061 points), L Ackland of Guildford (Aston O, 10,027 points) and L Danson of East Cowes, Isle of Wight (Parkhurst Racing, 10,002) are all poised to take advantage of any slip-ups in the final three grands prix. S lones of Hairow, Middlesex, wins a trip

for two to next year's British GP. His team, G Force Gelopies, scored 972 points in Austria. J Spridt of Callington, Gorwall (team name Trehingo) scored 967 points to win a Sony PlayStation and CD Rom game. TRANSFERS Change up to four selections before the Japanese Grand Prix by calling 0891 555 994 (+44 990 100 394 ex UK) before noon on Thursday, October 9. CHECK YOUR SCORE Check your score and position by calling 0891 884 648 (+44 990 100 348 ex UK). CLARIFICATION: Rule 2 applies to the transfers and replacements on the table below. All cumulative figures have been adjusted as a consequence of M Hakkinen's late disqualification from third position in the Belgian GP. The cumulative figure for Prost published after the

Canadian Grand Prochas been adjusted downwards by:

TO points as his car did not finish the race.

OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

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16	Cartell Racing	S Dimetto	9943
17	Gwilt F1	D G Gwilt	9940
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19	Sour Mash	R Owers	9925
20	Barney One	B Lynn	9923
20	Smith-Astra	D Smith	9923
22	Anns Spitfires	A Earling	9915
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The first column of figures, in light type after the names below, shows the Fantasy Formula One race scores for the Austrian GP. The second column shows the total points in the competition so far.

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06 G Berger	117	1249	18 R Schumecher	134	1013	
07 M Hakkinen	16	1018	19 G Fisichella	144	1367	
08 D Coulthard	162	1209	20 S Nakano	58	999	
09 R Barrichello	96	719	21 G Morbidelli*	122	1258	
10 H-H Frentzen	137	1269	22 T Margues*	0	828	
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Schumacher relishes challenge

AT THE NÜRBURGRING

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER was physically sick on Monday. It was all down to a bout of flu that had taken hold before the weekend, he stressed yesterday, lest anyone should imagine the illness was prompted by his mistake in Zeltweg 24 hours earlier, which has ensured a thrilling climax to the world drivers' championship.

The Luxembourg Grand Prix here on Sunday provides Schumacher with his hundredth race in Formula One, but his error in the 99th may ultimately prove the most costly of his glorious six-year

While lying third in the Austrian Grand Prix he failed to notice a yellow flag,

was ordered to serve a tensecond stop-go penalty. Schumacher came in sixth and, consequently, his lead in the championship over Jacques Villeneuve, who won in Austria, was cut to one point Consensus suggests that the Williams-Renault of the Canadian driver is better equipped for the remaining

three races than the German's

It is easy to recall the finale to the 1994 season when Schumacher, then driving for Benetton, took a one-point lead over Damon Hill, of Williams-Renault, into the final race in Adelaide. On that occasion, of course, Schumacher and Hill collided to put both men out of the race and leave Schumacher as world champion. "This time we will strengthen our suspension.

Frank Williams, the team owner, said yesterday.

Schumacher has taken the chequered flag 26 times in all. a ratio of better than one victory for every four drives. His next win will move him level with Jackie Stewart into fourth place behind Alain Prost (51), the late Ayrton Senna (41) and Nigel Mansell (31) in the all-time standings. "I will go on for as long as I have fun," Schumacher said.

"I do not feel any more pressure about the remaining races this season than at any other time. It brings the best out of me when I am challenged. I do not have anything to lose: I have already done more than people expected this season.

As for last week, he believes that a lighting system should be installed in the cars so that

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electronically. "Everybody will imagine that I am professional enough to see the yellow flag, but obviously I did not" he said

Schumacher considers his victory here two years ago as perhaps the best of his career. Passing first Hill and then squeezing alongside Jean Alesi at the chicane before slipping through, the win helped him to retain his title. also re-established the Nürburgring in the schedule after an absence of ten years.

been closed down in 1976 after the life-threatening accident involving Niki Lauda. Work on a new, shorter track began the following year, but it was not used for Formula One until 1984 and was taken off the calendar again the next

The original circuit had

ing corners and not many opportunities to overtake," Schumacher said. Indeed, last season, from third on the grid, he proved unable to pass Villeneuve, who went on to

Yesterday both Frank Williams and Cesare Fiorio, sporting director of the Prost team, quashed remours that Villeneuve intends to switch from Williams to Prost next season. Villeneuve is widely expected to take up his option with Williams, who have yet to announce their line-up for

David Richards, head of the Subaru rally team, was yesterday appointed as managing director of the Benetton Formula One team. He takes over from Flavio Briatore, who is leaving "to pursue

TELEVISION CHOICE

A touch of the old magic

Channel 4. 9.00pm

Tonight's episode could show Seinfeld a thing or wo about making something out of nothing. Joey and Rachel swap favourite books (The Shining and Little Women respectively) to see which one ends up in the freezer idon't ask; while Phoebe, famed for her ability to pick up weird guys, brings home a man for whom "ballsy" takes on a whole new meaning, Meanwhile, in the main storyline, Tom Selleck reappears as Richard, Monica's older former lover. Selleck, the hig chap with the macho moustache who used to play Magnum, did himself and the series a huge layour when he became a regular guest. He brought a solid masculinity to the daft anties of the sextet. Tonight, sans moustache, he pops back into Monica's life, rekindling that old black magic.

Shooting Stars BBC2, 9.30pm

Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer are an acquired taste — a taste acquired so firmly that they were celebrated by last Monday's Omnibus and their game show won both a Bafta and a Cornedy Award. Neither spoof nor outright homage but something in between. Shooting Stars marries broad vaudeville humour to surreal nonsense. The guests on the first of the new series fall into the usual Recress/Mortimer required categories: some lovely lady, some pop icon (usually) from the 1970s; somebody funny and somebody else. The format is promised to be much the same as last time with lavourite rounds such as the Dove from Above and True or False? 1950s throwback Mark Lamarr and the wafer-thin Ulrika Jonsson captain teams made up of Tanya Bryer, Mariella Frostrup, Antony Worrall Thompson and Leo Sayer.

Channel 4, 10.00pm

Afficionados have long known the real star of the show is Eddie the dog. His marathon silent stares are the perfect foil for those loquacious clever clogs, the Crane brothers. But even the deadest of the Crane brothers. But even the deadest of deadpan dogs can have an off day and Eddie is causing concern. So Martin calls in a dog psychologist, something that pushes our two

Bing Crosby is on song (BBCl, 10.20pm)

human shrinks into sneering hyperdrive. The diagnosis is that the dog is picking up miscrable vibes at home, plunging all previously chipper family members into deep depression. The best moment is when we hear the world through Eddie's ears (unintelligible mumbling punctuated by "Eddie") contrasted with what Martin hears when his sons are in mid-flow (psychobabble interspersed with "Dad"). Yes, well, it is much funnier than it reads.

Parkinson: the Interviews BBC1, 10.20pm

The normally expansive and relaxed Parkinson displays some unusual body language during this 1972 chat to Bing Crosby. His arms are crossed over his chest and his knees are pressed together. Whether this means that Parky was nervous infront of the man who was one of the biggest draws in showbiz for 50 years or if he just did not warm to be the contract of the part of the p in showbiz for 50 years or if he just did not warm to him, he is not saying. Bing offers us an array of gentle anecdotes of musicianly japes. Bob Hope and golf, interspersed with gentle songs and gentle film clips. If one gets bored (and one should not there is always the "He Was On My Radio Show" game, where Bing, asked to comment on anyone at all, will eventually utter this line somewhere in the proceedings. The interview with Botte Martle. proceedings. The interview with Bette Midler, which was supposed to be shown tonight, was considered too raunchy for a nation in mourning. It shows next week.

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RADIO CHOICE

Old Stubborn Guts - Creative Spirits

Radio 4. 10.00cm (FM only) I do my best to limit the bleating about programmes transmitted on FM only to accom-modate Daily Service on long wave but this is just the kind of programme that I get letters about from people who cannot receive an FM signal. It is a new five-part series about the work of Studs Terkel, one of the most enlightening and indeed entertaining chroniclers of life in 20th-century America. Terkel. 85 years old, is still broadcasting in Chicago and his archive contains more than 9,000 hours of interviews, all the way back to the 1930s. The most memorable recordings involve not celebrities - though he has interviewed plenty of those — but ordinary people: Terkel's gift is to prise open the memory without badgering.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radolffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 12.30pm Newsbear 12.45 Jo Whiley 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbear 6.30 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 18.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show

RADIO 2

6.00cm Sarah Kermedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Denis Cultiey Shares the Best of Golders Green, London With the singer Marilyn Hill Smith 8.50 Three Witters in Search of a Cheracter John Florance discusses writing about Elris Presiley with Greif Maroux, Poter Guratnick and June Juanico 9.15 The Tallor of Panama 9.30 Listen to the Bard 10.00 The Aris Programme. Sheridan Morley talks to the American writer Gore Videl 12.05cm Charles Nove 4.00 Diane Lizuse Jordan

5.00am Morning Reports 5.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Megazine 10.00 Golf: The 1997 Ryder Cup, John Inverdale presents the first morning's piery at Valderrame 1.00pm Middle with Allan Robb 2.00 Golf. The 1997 Ryder Cup, Further coverage from Vaderiama 7.00 News Esta 7.30 Sportistals 8.30 Friday Sport. Includes second-half commentary from Norwich City v toswich Town 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with Paul Herriott and Shella McClennon 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 8.00 Scott Chaholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mina Allen 1.00am Mika

Performance on 3 Radio 3, 7_30pm

Andrew Davis returns to Radio 3 tonight after a brief respite following the Proms season. The concert marks the opening of the autumn season of Sounding the Century, which is designed to showcase the music of the 20th century and which will continue until the millennium. Tonight Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orhestra in the first of a mini-series, Three of a Kind, which features work by Schoenberg, Berg and Webern, otherwise known as the Second Viennese School. The concert contains what are probably the three best-known works by those composers: Schoenberg's Pelleas and Mélisande, Berg's Violin Concerto and Six Pieces by Webern. The featured violin soloist is

WORLD SERVICE

6.00em Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Nusions in Britain 7.45 The Way We Are 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shalf 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News; Nelson in German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.39 John Peet 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Learning World 10.30 BBC English: Speaking of English 19.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 Plants of Power 12.00 Newsdask 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News; News in German (648 only) 1.05 Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Ends of the World 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Mustinack Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Football Edtra 4.15 A Step Too Far 4.30 Science in Action; News in German (648 only) 5.00 Europe Today 8.30 Business Report 5.45 Shitain Today 6.00 News 6.15 World Today 6.30 Insider's Guide; News in German (648 only) 6.40 Spottight 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdask 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 9.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack: Alternative 9.00 Newsdask 10.35 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Paople and Politics 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 World Today 1.45 Sport 12.00 Newsdask 1.30 From the Weeldies 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdask 2.30 A Step Too Far 2.45 Insider's Guide 2.65 Spottight 3.00 Newsdask 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 Newsdask 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 Newsdask 4.00 Guide 2.55 Spotlight 3.00 Newsday : Jude 2.65 Spotlight 2.00 Newsday 3,30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.05 Bushese Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 World Today 4.45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00em Akan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listerer Request Hour 2.00 Concerto 9.00 Jernie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Soneta. Mozart (Pieno Soneta No 11 in A) 8.00 Evening Concert Eiger (Cocketigne Overture): Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D) Tchellousty (Serenade for Strings in C) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Russ and Jone 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jaramy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Howard Pearce

6.00mm On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Purcell (My Beloved Spake); Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 1); Elgar (La Capricieuse); Rimsky-Korsalvov (Overture Russian Easter Festival); Verdi (La Forza del Destino, excerpts); Gershwin (Suite Catifish Row)

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Stravirsky (Freworks); Grieg (Lyric Pieces); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas, Includes Villa-Lobos (Cartiliers, Bachiane Brasileira No 5); Matthus (Concerto for Orchestra); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 13 in C mirror); Churchill, air Hjelt (Tass Paiva Karasin Orl)

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12.00 Composer of the Week: Pizetti

1.00pm News; Redio 2 Lunchtime Concert. Brindisi
Custet. Shostakovich (String Quartet No 11);
Mozart (String Quartet in E flat)

2.00 The BBC Archive. Lappoid Stokowski made his
list somegrape with Ne 1.50 in 1012. State page first appearance with the LSO in 1912. Sidy years later he delighted London audiences with a repeat performance of the original concert. Wagner (Overtuse Die Metstersinger); Debussy (Prebude à L'Aprés-Midi d'un Faurre); Glazzunov (Violin Concerto in A minor) 2.50 Fantasia on Stokowaki. Concerto in A minor) 2,50 Fantasia on Stolcowalti. Archive sounds and souvenirs 3,00 Concert part two. Brainns (Symphony No 1 in C minor); Tchalkovsky (March Stave) Music Restored, From the York Early Music Festival, a concert given by Rose Consort of Viola and Christopher Wilson, lute. Dowland

(Lachrimea) performed with meditations on the stages of a journey writer by Anthony Rooley and read by David Thomas
4.45 litude litechine, with Verily Sharp
5.00 in Turne, with Sean Rafferty. Includes a special parformance of Stostakovich's Jazz Sulte No 2. performed by Richard Chailly and the Royal Concertebouw Orchestra
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Concertebouw Orchestra
7.30 Parliammence on 3 (Sounding the Century).
See Choice. Plerre Amoyel, violin, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. Webern (Six Pieces for orchestra); Berg (Violin Concerto) 6.15 Schoenberg, Misha Donat talks to the composers Alexander Goehr and George Benjamin about why resistance to Schoenberg remains fierce 8.35 Concert part two. Schoenberg (Peliéss et Mélisande).

9.40 Postscript: Tales From Yoknapatampha County, by William Faulkner. Read by Ro

10.00 Hear and Now, Kirsteen McCue introduces the inst performance of Bitzschlag for Fulle and Orchestra by James Dilion and his orchestral work, Uberschreiten Recorded at the Edinburgh International Festival last month, the solies is Pierre-Yves Artaud, with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under the Scottish

Pierre-Yves Artaud, with the BBC Scottish
Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins
11.30 Composer of the Week: Clementi (r)
12.30am Scongs from Saturn. Jez Netson tells the story
of Sun Ra, the band leader who said he came
from Saturn (r) (3/4)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

Forecast 5,55 Weather
6.30 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places, with David Stafford, includes the
Marquess of Bath paying tribute to Stonehenge
7.00 News; 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Plets of the Week, with Chris Serie
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a
topical discussion in Walton-on-Tharnes, Surrey,
with Professor Susan Greenfield and Chris Smith,
Secretary of Stale for Culture, Media and Sport
8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character, John
Florance discusses writing about Elvis Presley with
Griel Marcus, Peter Guralnick and June Juanico
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5.554m Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.45 A Boy at the Hogarth Press. Jamle Glover concludes th reading of Richard Kermedy's classic m (5/5) 8.58 Weather oy 8.56 wearner was; 9.05 Desert Island Dises. Sue Lawley's staway this week is the director and writer Mike

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10.00 News; Old Stubborn Guts (FM). See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour, with Diana Macil
11.30 The Natural History Programme, Presented by

Joanna Pinnock

12.00 You and Yours, with Mark Whittelser

12.25pm Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures.
Derek Cooper exclores the inner workings of a
bactive 12.55 Weather (r)

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 Classic Serial: Lorna Doone, R.D. Blackmore's
romantic novel, adapted by Barry Letts (2/3) (r)

3.00 The Artemoon Shift

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News: 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow considers the history of the Cerdiff Opera House's tottary old and talks to Welsh landscape painters about how they capture their own coun

5.00 PML Introduced by Chris Lawe 5.50 Shipping

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9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Tim Marlow tracks the
Story of Picasso's Guerrica (f)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Loitering with Intent. Anna
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Massey reads Muriel Spark's comic novel,
abridged by Neville Teller (5/10)
11.00 Do Go On, with Ainsley Effot, Jeff Dodman, Griff
Rhys Jones and Graeme Garden (4/4)
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan
11.45 Beyond the Millerintum. Six visionary thinkers
tell Sheena McDonald how life will be in 2010.
Professor Lynda Gration from the London
Business School envisages ways of competing
within the new global economy (3/6)
12.00 News; 12.30am The Late Book: Light in
August, by William Faultoner (5/12)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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E-MAIL is a wonderful thing. Mark Turner would not be starting the Mini-Transat sin-gle-handed transatlantic yacht race with 51 other intrepid skippers from Brest in France tomorrow had he not used it to magical effect two weeks ago. Turner had found himself living his worst nightmare.

Having spent more than £35,000 of borrowed money over the past 12 months preparing his 21ft Mini-class yacht, he had her lifted out of the water for a final pre-start inspection, only to discover serious structural cracks around the keel joint.

The verdict from the boatyard at La Trinite was that the damage was too extensive to repair in the time remaining. Turner was told that if he set off in that boat on the 1,200-mile first leg to Tenerife, he could find himself without a keel in the middle of

the Bay of Biscay.
Getting a single-handed campaign together is hard enough without this kind of cruel luck. Turner, who had already struggled just to get the boat qualified for the race after sustaining serious damage during the Mini-Fastnet earlier this summer, was un-

derstandably distraught. His mood was unmistakable in the e-mail he sent out to everyone in his computer address book, as he desperately searched for help. "After a terrible day of risk analysis, questions, looking at options, trying to find a yard to repair in time etc. I'm still blocked in. No solution in time seems possible," he wrote. He went on to explain that the only possible way out was to try to hire one of two Minis not already going in the race. But he needed money to do that,

Among those who received the message was Hugh Morrison, a director of Financial Dynamics, a City-based financial and corporate communications consultancy. Turner had never met him but Morri-

Turner begins the 3,700-mile Mini-Transat race today in an untested yacht after discovering faults in his own vessel son, a keen sailor, had been keeping an eye on both Turner and fellow Briton, Ellen Mac-Arthur, as they prepared for the single-handed classic. To Turner's amazement. Morrison responded immed-

iately, writing a cheque for ations to begin on hiring the new boat Morrison was not the only one. Carphone Warehouse, an existing sponsor of both Turner and MacArthur, immediately chipped in with another £4,000, while Turner found himself inundated with offers of assistance and encouragement. Among those who wrote cheques on the spot was the race favourite. Thomas Coville, who lent Turner

FFr10,000 (about £1,000). The past week has been frantic as Turner has attempted to transfer as much equipment as possible to the new boat, as he prepares for the biggest race of his life in an unfamiliar yacht. He has barely sailed it yet but was encouraged by good speed in light airs during the five-mile prologue race at Brest on

Until now Turner has given the impression of being un-sure whether the 3,700-mile single-handed marathon to Martinique was realy going to be his cup of tea. Now that he has had to fight tooth and nail just to get to the start, he is to it and is again toying with the idea of attempting a Vendée Globe campaign when the Mini-Transat is over.

In his original boat, Turner was a candidate for a top-five finish. Yesterday he was still sounding optimistic about his chances, despite the obvious disadvantages. "I haven't sailed the boat and to do well you need to do a lot of miles on the water, but I know from the prologue I've got boat speed and a top-ten finish is definitely still possible," he said.

MacArthur, meanwhile, starts after a comparatively smooth preparation and after two creditable eighth places in the Mini-Fastnet and the Trans-Gascoigne, Once she has the Mini-Transat under her belt, her next objective will be the Around Alone roundthe-world race next year.

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(c) An ancient stringed instrument, plucked and bowed. Stretched over a restangular frame, the lower half forming a sound-board. In one part of the frame the left hand was used to "stop" the strings. In could be stopped. In parts of Wales a violin is called a Crwth. Likewise in England a fiddler is sometimes called a crowder. Latterly the misleading name "bowed harp" has been applied.

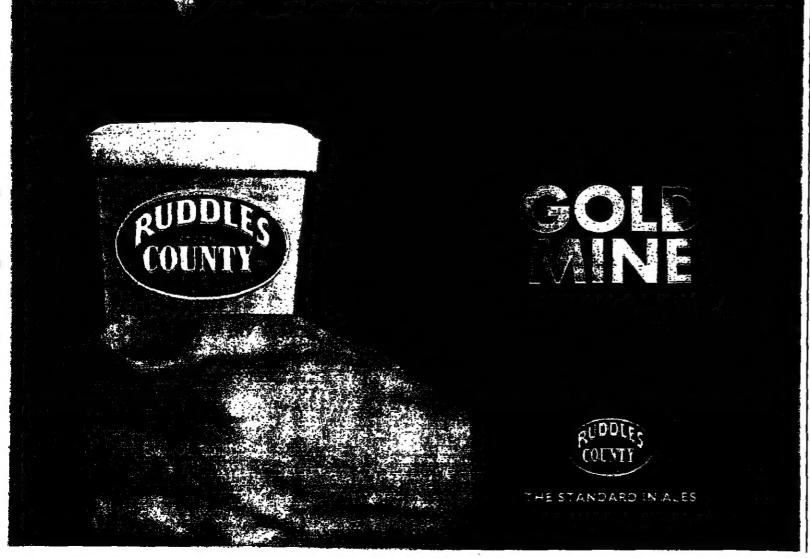
(b) A mixed traffic locomotive, designed by Stanier in 1934, for the LMS. It was to meet the needs of Operations Superintendent, J. H. Follows: "Can go anywhere, do anything." It could handle heavy freight and fast passenger trains, power class 5 for each. It was 46-0 and painted black, distinct from a broadly similar express loco painted red. Spoken of as "the loco that won the war": 852 were built for LMS/BR.

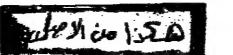
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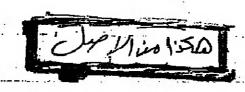
(a) A significant feature in the Battle of Jutland. If the High Seas Fleet could get beyond/round, it was free. "Scheer's bold resolution to act in a manner the enemy thought impossible had upset the British C-in-C's calculations. The breakthrough towards Horns Reef had succeeded. The enemy dared not follow." German Official GLANDERS

GLANDERS
(a) A horse disease. King's Regulations, 1935: "When an animal used for army purposes, kept on Crown premises and in army veterinary charge, dies of, or is slaughtered for, glanders, the carease will be disposed of in accordance with Regulations for Army Veterinary disposed of in accordance was Services. Whenever the local autho co-operation should be accepted."

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Funny, but unamusing, how things turn out

should have known better than to joke here the other day about bad 1970s sitcoms being spirited over to UK Gold. In Dad. BBCI seems to have taken the bold step of commissioning brand new comedies which are already ten years out of date and which can thus be given repeats on the Classics on Cable stations without having to wait while the series

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matures in TV Centre's vault. In fact, and as if to point up the classic lines along which Dad is constructed, the first episode started with the sort of 1970s flashback which has costume staff running about in glee, arguing about how long Noddy Holder's sideburns were and telling each other how they've just discovered a wonderful new source of round-

collared ochre shirts. The premise is that 18-year-old Vincent's father, Alan, is too daddish in that way that the 40-yearold fathers of teenage boys are

Brian is too daddish in that entirely different way that the 60-yearold fathers of 40-year-old men are. What we have here are three

generations of comedy cliches: like The Forsyte Saga but without that work's lightness of spirit. Vincent counts the ways of his father's daddishness - Ready Brek, Top of the Pops, white socks, The Sunday Times - while Alan looks to the heavens whenever his own father does one of his own anally reten-

tive deeds. i mean, which of the various theories of the decline of British comedy do you want me to recite here? Who at the BBC watched this and thought it funny? Which executive didn't think to mention that when it comes to the role reversal line about how the fogeyish teenage son is pushing his bejeaned father to take out life insurance, Family Ties did it better

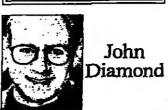
and with more conviction, ten

years ago? Was it the same executive who forbore to point out that when you have characters say lines such as "Who else gets up at that time except for GMTV presenters and people on dangerous medication?", they will almost certainly run out of breath in an attempt to give the line that desperate "Look - this is funny. right?" comedy intonation?

ow does the BBC choose its comedies? It sees the American Seinfeld and Larry Sanders and knows enough to buy them in and bill them as very funny programmes - albeit much too funny for BBC1 prime time - but the programmes it commissions are Dad and Pilgrims Rest and, God help us all,

Oh, Dr Beeching! This is not pro-American snobbery, either: there are good British comedies around, although the fact that Channel 4 is repeating the

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time-tied Drop The Dead Donkey and BBC2 the equally not-nowtopical Have I Got News For You suggests that nobody knows where

to look for them. There was something of a vin-tage feel to The Locksmith (BBCI), too, albeit as in vintage wine rather than vintage cheese. Stephen Bill's six-parter takes its time deciding what it wants to be — black comedy, odd-couple story or realend of the first episode this seemed attractive quirkiness rather than directorial indecision.

Warren Clarke plays Roland. heart of gold who has just taken on his scally young cousin as a junior in his locksmithing company. We know Barry (Chris Gascoyne) is a scally because he wears matching stone-washed denim jeans and jacket, but there is something engaging about his innocent sexual

In Roland's unspecified Midlands town there is a thief who has perfected a way of getting through locked front doors without leaving a mark. He's so good, in fact, that we know the locksmith himself will be accused of the thefts

I have to say, I normally give pretty short shrift to those official commentators in the police and coroners' services who are for ever

monstrates clever ways to top yourself or another, but I was slightly perturbed by the regular demonstrations of the thief's skill. It's quite possible that this is no real way of breaking into a house at all, but it looks convincing enough for somebody to give it a go.

hatever one night the thief breaks into the V home of Roland's former wife and the mother of the daughter who is now avoiding him. In the ensuing fight she is beaten into a cosna; Roland is arrested for the crime and then released. We know all this will happen because the opening scenes are shot through with dramatic irony - "1" kill you!" shouts Roland in front of more witnesses than is decent like nuts in a bar of nougat.

But then this episode was obviously there to get some of the necessary dramatic driftwood out

of the way — the estranged daughter, the unlikely sidekick, the motivating comatose wife — so that Roland can get on with his promised vigilantism in the remaining five episodes. I can't quite work out which

dramatic mood the series will run with, though. There was a moment in the first episode where, with Roland locked up for the crime he didn't commit, everything went all Kalka for a few minutes. But then - whoosh! - he's out of the nick. and the mood changes. On the other hand, if this does become the sort of heavy-duty. This Time It's Personal series which the BBC publicity, with its image of Roland looking sternly through a keyhole, suggests, what happens to Barry

and his high jinks? Perhaps this will turn out to be the first ever comedy vigilante show which, if nothing else, will be original. BBC comedy department, take note.

BBCT 6.00am Business Breakfast (62997) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98687607) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (2525404) 9.30 Style Challenge (1363404) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (5312065)

10.35 Change That From Cheltenham (1495591) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4774959) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9714978)

11.35 Room for improvement Killyleagh Castle, a thatched cottage and a tree house receive a spruce-up (r) (2385978) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6237881) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9515572) 12.35 Going for a Song (9428133) 1,00 News (T) and weather (53978) 1.30 Regional News (1) (17322959) 1.40 The Weather Show (87270572) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (707355) 2.15 Quincy (r) (4254794)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (7779220) 3.25 The Really Useful Show Update

3.30 Playdays (8091607) 3.50 Deer Mr Barker (1428220) 4.05 The All New Popeys Show (T) (3561997) 4.10 Casper (4505997) 4.35 Record Breakers. New series with Cheryl Baker (6599336) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9994572) 5.10 Blue Peter

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (554881) 6.00 News (T) and weather (607)

6.30 Regional News (T) (959)

7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson Featuring the hotel which is proving to be the cause of one or two headaches for British tourists: and tios on driving a hard bargain when renting a car (T) (4794)

7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (171)

8.00 Vets in Practice Alter six months in practice, Emma and Hennish have doubts about their jobs and Joe has an intriguing case that the client can't afford to pay for (1) (3442) 8.30 Children's Hospital Featuring eight-

r-old Liberty admitted with a liv cyst; four-year-old Heather, who has a bead from an earring lodged in her ear and ten-year-old Keisey, who has lost the ability to speak (1) (9249) 9.00 News (T) and weather (1201)

9.30 Dengerfield: Happy Families Paul draws closer to DS Helen Diamond, but his social life is disrupted when a triend's workmate drowns in mysterious circumlances (T) (436171)

10.20 Parkinson: The Interviews
Michael Parkinson introduces his interview with Bing Crosby (T)

11.00 The Mean Machine (1974) with Burt Reynolds and Eddle Albert. Tough action-comedy-drama set in a prison. Directed by Robert Aldrich (23519442) 1.20em Hands of the Ripper (1971) with Eric Porter and Angharad Rees. Jack the Ripper's daughter feels his spirit has

taken her over and drives her to kill. Directed by Peter Sasdy (1852114) 2 45 Weather (7898331)

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Gernstar Development Ltd. BBC2 6.00am Open University: A Return to the Summit (4302607) 6.25 Wrapping Up

the Themes (5484171) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4252862) 7.30 The Adventures of Skippy (r) (6350539)
7.55 Cartoon Critters (r) (T) (5355317)
8.20 William's Wish Wellingtons (r)
(4348143) 8.25 Wishing (r) (7005171)
8.35 Teleubolies (r) (1937607) 9.00

Cartoon (4767355) 9.10 Music Makers (3707046) 9.30 Watch (9454978) 9.45 Come Outside (9442133) 10.00 Teletubbies (50571) 10.30 Look and Read (8805317) 10.50 The Art (8818881) 11.10 Landmarks (2929713)

11.30 English File (4256) 12.00 Scene

12.30pm Working Lunch (28881) 1.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (73338355) 1.05 Pingu (r) (73337626) 1.10 The Craft Hour (4434828) 2.10 Conference 97 - SNP Live coverage from Rothesay, including a speach by their Parliamentary leader, Maggie Ewing

(1520510) 2.45 News (T) regional news and weather

(1788959)

2.50 Plaid Cymru Conference Live coverage from Aberystwyth (5926046) 3.25 News (T) (4732572) 3.30 Real Rooms (r) News (1) (4732572) 3.39 Hear Hoolins (7) (6832201) 3.55 Consuming Passions (6860338) 4.00 Ready, Steady Cook (572) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6598607) 4.55 Esther: Single but not sad (3293238) 5.30 Today's the Day (336)

6.00 Star Trek (r) (1) (313268) 6.50 Volcano Stories (133133)

7.00 The Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race (2336) 7.30 Top Gear Motorsport The Raily of 8.00 The Big Catch The giant blue martin, off

8.30 Ground Force Alan Titchmarsh and his team set about modernising a dilapidated garden in Surrey (T) (1161) 9.00 Red Dwarf Rimmer faces a huge



Resves and Mortimer return (9.30)

9,30 Shooting Stars The return of the Bob Mortimer and Vice Reeves celebrity quic show (T) (15317) 10.00 Pick and Mix Classic clips from the BBC's comedy archive (T) (807607) 10.20 Newsnight (T) (481881)

11.18 Volcano Stories (226084) 11.20 Golf: The Ryder Cup Steve Rider presents highlights from the first day (331607)

12.20em VR 5 Sci-fi drama series (6413027) 1.05 Roulin Z (1991) Manga animation with the 2.15 Weather (1482553)

6.00am GMTV (7168423) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2521688) 9.55 Regional News (1088249) 10.00 The Time, the Place (34355)

10.30 This Morning (T) (18889152) 12.20pm Regional News (6233065) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9414930) 12.55 WALES: Grass Roots (9439249) 12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (9439249) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (58156510)

HTV

1.50 Murder, She Worte (r) (3363794) 2.50 WALES: The Pulse (1) (6733423) 2.50 Garden Calendar (1) (6733423) 3.20 News (1) (4760355)

3.25 Regional News (T) (4769626) 3.30 Jays' World (r) (179572) 3.40 Titch (7252404) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (7258688) 4.00 Roger and the Rottentrolls (T) (2585591) 4.15 Hurricanes (T) (4599336) 4.40 Fun House (T) (7189423)

5.10 A Country Practice (2338404) 5.40 News (T) and weather (704959) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (571084) 6.25 HTV Weather (457065) 6.30 HTV News (T) (355) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (I) (9862) 7.30 Coronation Street (T) (539)

8.00 The Bill Nick Slater goas undercover as a drug dealer (T) (8510) 8.30 Strange But True? Michael Aspel presents a special edition which tells the story of a soldier trained by the American army as a psychic spy (T) (4317)



The comedian Brian Conley (9.00pm)

9.00 Brian Conley — Alive and Dangerous
The comedian recorded at the Wimbledon Theatre, where he reprises a medley of favourite characters from his television specials (r) (T) (3539) 10.00 News (1) and weather (96794)

10.30 Regional News (955571) 10.40 WALES: Blow Out (1981) with John Travolta, Nancy Allen and John Lithgow. Thriller about a sound man accidentally

recording vital evidence when a prominent senator's car plunges into a river. Directed by Brian De Palma 10.40 Late and Live Chat show. Ann Widdecombe MP, is this week's guest

12.10am Short Story Cinema (3282843) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show (5537331) 2.10 Stacy's Knights (1983) with Kevin Costner, Andra Millian and Eve Llith.
Comedy drama set in the world of professional gambling. Directed by Jim Wilson (332992)

(9023713)

3.50 Movie Club (r) (79659805) 4.15 Jones and Jury (r) (26956008) 4.35 Coach (r) (31202176) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9439249) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (6733423) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2338404) 6.25-7.00 Central News (839881) 10.40 Central Weekend Live (9023713)

eventually.

12.10am Campus Cops. American sitcom starring Ben Bode and Ryan Hurst 2.10 The LADS (3472027) 2.40 Box Office America (8262669) 3.05 Baywatch (5829669)

3.50 Heiter Skelter (4509973) 4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (4925783)

5.20 Asian Eye (1988718)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6233065) 12.55 Home and Away (9439249)

1.25 Dressing Up (17088602) 1.55 Westcountry Update (77063084) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2093666) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2338404) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (30626) 10.30 Westcountry News (955751) 10.45 Film: Cookie (29547794)

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12.55-1.25 Shortland Street M0(9439249) 1.50 Serve You Right (77064713) 2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (8075775) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2338404) 5.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (30626) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (955751) 10.45 Chiller (639775) 11.45 Wiseguy (590423) 5.00am Freescreen (80824)

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As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8212572) 12,55-1,25 A Country Practice (9439249) 1.50 A Spinsh of Colour (77064713) 2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (8075775) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2338404) 6.23 Anglie Weather (458794) 6,25-7.00 Anglia News (839881)

10.29 Angila Air Watch (606065) 10.30 Anglia News Extra (33882) 11.00 Film: The Loves of Count lorge. Vampire (380539)

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (38201) 9.00 Ysgolion (239442) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (5404) 12.00 Sesame Street (93607) 12.30cm Baby Baby (20249) 1.00 Stot Melthrin (83695133) 1.15 Stot Synladau Sali (83890688) 1.30 Exposed (17339249) 1.45 Cynhadledd Plaid Cymru (526143) 3.45 Fifteen-to-One (770201) 4.15 Out of Africa (942591) 4.45 5 Pump (941862) 5.15 Countdown Grand Finel (8193978) 6.00 Newyddion (911688) 6.10 Heno (397220) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (669133) 7.25 Y Sioe Gelf (934220) 8.00 Yma Mae 'Nghan (6152) 8.30 Newyddion (63171) 9.00 Tito (4881) 10.00 Brookside (115336) 10.35 Friends (717607) 11.05 Jo Brand Show: Like it or Lump (429959) 11.35 King of the Hill (209317) 12.05em TFI Friday (5163373) 1.05 Film: Police Story III: Supercop (892689) 2.55 Robin (7810553) 3.00 Film: They Made Me a Fugitive (765466)

CHANNEL 4 5.55em Sesame Street (55607)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (36201) 9.00 Schools: Off Limits (2542171) 9.25 Schools at Work (2378626) 9.30 Eurekal (1) (9449046) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1)

(9230249) 10.02 Lost Animals (92881071) 10.10 TVM (T) (7544978) 10.25 Caraidean (7532133) 10.40 Topl (8814065) 11.00 Robert Burns (T) (9956930) 11.15 Stage One (T) (9979881)

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Chargrilled capers and tomatoes; lavender-roasted poussin; rhubarb and elderflower tart (T)

12.00 Sesame Street (93607) 12.30pm Baby Baby (20249) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) (18404) 2.00 Shipbuilder (32718046) 2.05 The Outsiders (1950) with Joel McCrea and Ramon Navarro. Confederate soldiers ambush a wagon of Yankee

gold. Roy Bowland directs (817201) 3.45 Fifteen-to-One (T) (770201) 4.15 Countdown: Grand Final (T) (9669959) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (3288355) 5.35 Absolutely Animals (r) (T) (547591) 6.00 TFI Friday The guesta include Michael Aspel (38268)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (230369) 7.55 Music of the Millennium John Peel's

favourite group (376171) 8.00 Garden Party Christopher Lloyd's Internationally acclaimed garden at Great

Dixter, Sussex (1) (6152) 8.30 Brookside Can Susannah and Max come to terms with a future without children? (T) (2959)

Friends: The One where Monica and Richard Are Just Friends When Monics and Richard meet accidentally, they decide to remain just friends. Tom Selleck makes a guest appearance (T) (957713)

9.35 Cybill Things are not looking good for Cybill's new gameshow (T) (747591)



A miserable Kelsey Grammer (10,00)

Frasjer: Death and the Do Eddle the dog is depres (943361 10.30 Jo Brand: Like it or Lump it Stand-up

and sketches (T) (188442) 11.05 King of the Hill (T) (429959) 11.35 TFI Friday (r) (216959)

12.35em Police Story III: Supercop (1993) Jackie Chan as a police kung tu expert. Directed by Stanley Tang (773843) 2.25 Robin Adult animation (1468973)

2.30 They Made Me a Fugitive (1947, b/w)
Travor Howard as a framed black
marketeer who escapes from Dertmoor. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (703466) 4.25 A Sort of Homecoming A young man returns to his Irish village (r) (26943534) 4.45 Takeover TV (r) (85758) 5.15 Fluks CHẨNNEL:5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting transponder No 63 on the Astra Satelli Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00 am 5 News Early (7960220) 7.30 USA High (r) (5124201)

8.00 Havakazoo (4960143)

8.30 WideWorld Chipperfields Circus during the touring season (13/15) (5310684) 9.00 Espresso (7419065) 10.00 Exclusive (r) 13220) 10.30 The Car Show (r) (6683220) (1910828)

11.00 Lesza Chat show (1037626) 11.50 Double Espresso (69359442) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1710620)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (9539220) 1.00 5 News 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8212794) 2.00 5's Company (8283355)

3.30 Lost In the Stars (1974) with Brock
Peters and Melba Moore. A musical
adaptation of Alan Paton's Cry the Beloved Country. Directed by Daniel Mann (8366171)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11847881) 5.30 Move on Up (T) (9762997) 6.00 100 Per Cent (9752510) 6.30 Family Affairs (I) (9743862)

7.00 Name That Tune Music outz with Jools Holland (8725133) 7.30 Exclusive (9749046)

8.00 Attractions Last in the leisure time ideas series (8734881) 8.30 5 News (T) (8720688)

9.00 in the Presence of Mine Enemies (1996) with Armin Mueller-Stahl, Charles Dence and Elina Lowensohn. A drama about a Polish rabbl whose faith is shattered by the horrors of the Second World War. Directed by Joen Micklin Silver (96100171)



A gun-toting Peta Wilson (10.50pm)

10.50 La Femme Nikita: Simone Drama series about a female agent, staming Peta Wilson (2151133) 11.45 The Swimsuit with William Katt. A

comedy about a man trying to find the perfect model to save a floundering swimsuit company. Chris Thomson directs (5071423) 1.35am Calile and Son (1981) with Lindsay

Wagner, who experiences poverty, an illegitimate son, a miscarriage, attempted murder, alcoholism and the Kennedy assassinations. Directed by Hussein (93410973) 4.05 The Penny Pool (1937, b/w) A vintage British comedy with Duggie Wakefie directed by George Black (69371756)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7467602)

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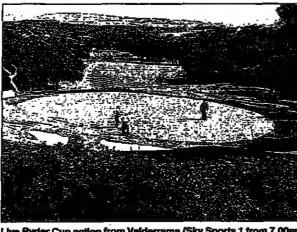
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Greater strength in depth makes United States favourites to regain Ryder Cup

Europe look to Faldo's inspiration.

HAS Severiano Ballesteros been reading Aesop's Fables? Is this how the Europe captain in the Ryder Cup has spent those sleepless hours in the past few nights before the competition gets under way here in southern Spain today? In the four-balls this morning. Ballesteros has paired Bern-hard Langer and Colin Montgomerie, men whose speed around a course could best be described as like the tortoise and the hare. Goodness knows whose speed of play will prevail.

Langer and Montgomerie have been drawn against Ti-ger Woods and Mark



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O'Meara in the fourth of the morning matches. Montgom-erie and Langer played togeth-er at Kiawah Island in the 1991 Ryder Cup. Montgomerie's debut in the competition, and defeated Steve Pate and Corey Pavin. If Ballesteros anticipated that Woods would be in the fourth match and placed two men who are resolute and obdurate to face him, then he has yet again shown remarkable prescience. Or was it just a stroke of luck? That may not

be known for some time. What is known is that Ballesteros anguished for hours over the pairings that Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson, Nick Faldo and Lee Westwood against Fred Couples and Brad Faxon, and Jesper Parnevik and Per-Ulrik Johansson against Torn Leh-man and Jim Furyk. Tom Kite, the United States

cantain, had fewer worries. His four partnerships were more or less clear in his mind two days ago. They are a formidable blend of expertise and experience and each pairing contains the winner of a major championship.

Picture the scene at the team hotel here yesterday morning. It is moments past five o'clock and pitch black outside. One room is ablaze with lights. Ballesteros is at work already. At 5.15, he telephoned Miguel-Angel Jimenez, his vice-cap-tain, and summoned him to his suite. Jiménez was initially incredulous, not to mention

sleepy.
"I think I am at my most sharp in the morning." Ballesteros said with a grin. They talked for a while. Ballesteros outlined his thinking and then dismissed Jiménez again. "You can go back to sleep," Ballesteros said, "I am going to read the paper." No one knows better than

Ballesteros the almost indescribable pressure that the opening morning of a Ryder Cup exerts and, in the main, he has chosen the players he believes to be most capable of dealing with that pressure, and the ones in the best form. Westwood and Parnevik are the only newcomers to the Ryder Cup who are in action this morning and from the way that Parnevik has played in world events this year and the way that he has combined with his fellow Swede in practice — he is far more likely to excel than, say. Ignacio Garrido. Much of what has been said

about Parnevik could be said about Westwood, who has a cheery, unflappable attitude that has impressed Ballesteros this week. He is a mighty hitter. This match, though, as well as revealing how well Faldo is playing, will determine just how good he is in his the one that players can turn to and ask: "What happens now?" or "What do I do if?" or "What was it like in the 1977 match at Lytham?"



Synchronised swinging: the Europe quartet of, from left, Westwood, Montgomerie, Langer and Olazabal on the driving range yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

Faido was there. Faido seems always to have been there. In the weeks leading up to his eleventh appearance in this event, a record, he has field questions from the younger team members, of his desire to shepherd them around, of his willingness to show them a trick or

Now he has the chance. What a bonus it would be for Ballesteros and the Europe team if Faldo could bring out the best in Westwood in precisely the way that Ballesteros brought the best out in Paul Way in the 1983 match and Olazabal in 1987, when both were newcomers - and young

THE quaint cottage, Archi-

bald Leitch-listed stand and

view over the Thames remain.

but little else will ever be the

same for Fulham Football

Club. One announcement yes-

terday transformed the Na-tionwide League second division club into yet another of the game's high-finance

monsters as Kevin Keegan

assumed the clumsy title of

chief operating officer and Ray

Wilkins took charge as the

Virtual reality brought about the unlikely union of Keegan and the club owner,

The former Newcastle Uni-

new team manager.

Rocca and Olazábal have a hard job on their hands. The pairing of Love and Mickelson is formidable, a combination of the length of Love, the US ardry of Mickelson, who may be the most inventive shortgame player since Ballesteros himself was in his prime. The Swedes also face a stern examination. Lehman has been playing well in practice

Ballesteros knows his team as well as anyone and, as one would expect from such a wily captain, no hint that his men may be in any way inferior has passed his lips. "My problem this week is that all my players are playing great." he said, something that is

patent nonsense. For example, he did not feel able to risk lan Woosnam this morning, yet the Welshman would appear to have the required (this is his eighth appearance) and suitability for a type of

Lynne Truss Captains' goal The dreaded 17th

golf that encourages aggression. He is, furthermore, the most successful player in fourballs in the history of the competition, having won nine and halved one of his 13

Even more of a surprise

than Woosnam's omission was that Justin Leonard has been left out by Kite. Leonard is a beautiful putter. He has the heart of a lion and, at 27, so early in the match. His game, as near and tidy as the man himself, would seem ideally suited to the demands placed by Valderrama, where length is less important than

accuracy and touch. Like so many Ryder Cups. this one will come down to the weight of performance from Europe's lesser players. These are the men referred to by Scott Hoch, the American who was trying uncharacteristically hard not to be disrespectful, as the "not Faldos, not Montgomeries" of the Europe

team. They need to play above their known capabilities, just as the 1987 team that Ballesteros hitherto rated the best Europe team of all time, did so

The Americans should win the 32nd Ryder Cup. Indeed, they have the capability to run away with this match, which is to say winning by five points, whereas a Europe victory is likely to be by two points at the most. Ballesteros will try with all his might to stave it off - and if anyone can, he can - but I think the United States will win 15-13.

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Mohamed Al Fayed, and it seemed an entirely appropriate theme as they stood on the 4 Aromatic wine (8) antiquated terraces of Craven Cottage yesterday and de-clared a five-year plan to lead Fulham into the FA Carling

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ted manager had enlisted the 15 Hazel, willow flower (6) Egyptian tycoon's help in setting up a Soccer Circus theme park, but for Fulham the days of clowning around — as George Best and Rodney

Marsh did so memorably in the 1970s - are over. This is serious business and Keegan's 5 per cent stake in the club, given to him by Al Fayed, has provided all the financial incentive he needs on top of an

> There has always been something childlike, though, about Keegan, evident in both his enthusiasm and his tantrums, and it was clear yesterday that it was the excitement of playing with a lavishly expensive new toy rather than the money he scarcely needs that had persuaded him to

estimated £400,000-a-year

after resigning at Newcastle In five years and with the help of more than £40 million of funding. Keegan lifted the North East club from the foot of the old second division tantalisingly close to the Premiership title. His brief from Al Fayed is simple: Same

again. "It is very similar to Newcastle and I'm sure the Fulham fans will be delighted if I leave them in five years in the same position that Newcastle were in," Keegan said. "I will be here as long as it takes. I might have to convince a few cynics but I've never failen out of love with

"No one has twisted my arm. It just excites me and that is the key to Kevin Keegan. It is a challenge and I've never been scared of one. My aim is to make Fulham one of the big



Keegan: task of taking Fulham into the big time



clubs. I've already heard some people laughing and joking, but we have a chance to make them eat their words."

It was not a bloodless coup.

Micky Adams, who took over the club when they were second from bottom in the third division and leaves them halfway up the second, departed abruptly on Wednesday with an estimated £300,000 to cover the remaining four years of his contract. Once their excitement calms, some fans may question the appointment of Wilkins, whose time at Queens Park Rangers ended ignominiously with relegation a little more than a year ago. He will have funding unprece dented in the second division. though, with the Leicester City striker, Steve Claridge, and Mark Wright, of Liverpool, top of the potential recruit-ment list before the ink was

dry on the contract yesterday. Wilkins and Keegan will travel to Wigan Athletic tomorrow for their first game in charge, along with the new chief scout, Arthur Cox, but Keegan, whose principal role will be to convince potential signings of the club's serious intentions, will have no input into team selection and will watch from the directors' box.

"It will be a problem getting players here at first but that is something we relish," Keegan

Keegan sweeps into Fulham added. "Between us we have covered the world at one stage or other and we can bring that expertise to bear. We won't get internationals to start with but hopefully people will see what is happening and want to be part of the adventure."

Al Fayed is planning a 25,000, all-seat stadium, possibly with a vast underground car park, to cope with the swelling crowds he hopes to attract to SW6 after an investment that has begun at £20 million and is likely to more than double. His takeover is not without its dissenting voices. Item one on a supporters' club meeting agenda last night was supposed to be an angry protest at the appropriation of the bar by executive sponsors. The money men have already moved into Craven Cottage and, in Keegan's words, it promises to be an exciting journey.

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